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Examiner Andre Allen

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- Providing a Reference to Infiltration
- A Run-off circuit
- A Rain gauge that measures runoff
- * only search claim 1-19

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all earlier versions.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (original) A rain runoff gauge, comprising:
 - a collector tube having an opening for receiving precipitation;
 - an infiltration circuit providing a reference soil infiltration resistance in communication with the collector tube;
 - a runoff circuit in communication with the collector tube providing runoff characteristics of a surface of the reference soil;
 - a runoff collection tube to receive runoff from the runoff circuit, and
 - a measurement system for reading runoff to the runoff collection tube.
2. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1, wherein the runoff circuit includes an air backflow seal between the collector tube and the runoff collection tube.
3. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 2, further comprising:
 - a balance line attached between the runoff collection tube and a ground surface to maintain a backpressure head in the runoff circuit matching a water depth above the ground surface.

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4. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 3, further comprising:
 - a ground connector attached to the balance line having one or more apertures at a distal end, wherein said distal end is in contact with the ground surface.
5. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1, further comprising an insulating shroud located about the collector tube.
6. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1 wherein the collector tube includes a removable bottom closure having a drain hole.
7. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 6 wherein the bottom closure of the collector tube includes a substantially vertical drip tube.
8. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1 wherein the collector tube is cylindrical with an open bottom to receive a sample of the reference soil when inserted directly into ground.
9. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1 wherein the collector tube further comprises a high level recorder.
10. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 9 wherein the high level recorder comprises a rod coated with a water resistant material painted with a water-soluble dye, and a cap positioned within the collector tube above the infiltration circuit and having a surface area smaller than a cross-sectional area of the collector tube.

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11. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1 wherein the infiltration circuit includes a reference soil specimen.
12. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1, wherein the runoff collection tube includes a drain valve.
13. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1, further comprising a frame connected to the collector tube, a standard rain gauge and the runoff collection tube, wherein the frame is attached to support to maintain the rain gauge and collector tube in a vertical orientation with openings above ground level to receive precipitation.
14. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 1 wherein the runoff circuit includes an independently adjustable runoff resistance.
15. (original) The runoff gauge of claim 14, the runoff circuit further comprising:
 - an upper horizontal tube and a lower horizontal tube, the horizontal tubes connected by an upstream vertical tube and a downstream vertical tube;
 - wherein the upper horizontal tube connects an outlet of the collector tube and an inlet of the runoff collection tube, and includes a non-permeable plug therein, and the lower horizontal tube includes a filter medium; and

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a screw in the downstream vertical tube to adjust flow resistance.

16. (original) A method for measuring rain runoff, comprising:

collecting precipitation in a collector tube;

passing a first portion of the collected precipitation to an

infiltration circuit providing infiltration resistance

characteristics of a reference soil;

passing a second portion of the collected precipitation to a runoff

circuit providing runoff characteristics of a surface of the

reference soil;

collecting the second portion in a runoff collection tube; and

measuring the precipitation collected in the runoff collection tube.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:

developing a pressure imbalance wherein a head of water in the

collector tube is greater than a backpressure head in the runoff

circuit provided by a ground level water depth; and

passing water from the collector tube through the runoff circuit to

restore pressure balance.

18. (original) A method for measuring soil infiltration of rain,

comprising:

measuring total precipitation;

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measuring rain runoff according the method of claim 16;
determining soil infiltration by the difference between the total
precipitation and the rain runoff.

19. (original) A method for calibrating the runoff rain gauge of claim
14, comprising:

measuring an average maximum water depth for the reference soil
and a maximum water depth for the collector tube during a rain
event; and

adjusting the runoff resistance in proportion to any difference
between the measured average maximum water depth for the
reference soil and the maximum water depth for the collector
tube.

20. (canceled)

21. (withdrawn) A method for cultivating plants growing in soil,
comprising:

positioning a rain runoff gauge adjacent a soil location, wherein
the gauge includes a collector tube, an infiltration circuit and a
runoff circuit, the infiltration circuit providing an infiltration
resistance having characteristics of the soil and the runoff
circuit providing runoff characteristics of a surface of the soil;

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collecting ambient precipitation in the collector tube;
passing a first portion of the collected precipitation through the infiltration circuit;
passing a second portion of the collected precipitation through the runoff circuit and collecting the second portion in a runoff collection tube;
measuring the second portion in the runoff collection tube;
measuring total precipitation; and
irrigating the soil as a function of the measured runoff and measured precipitation.

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RUNOFF RAIN GAUGE

Abstract

Disclosed is a runoff rain gauge 100 which includes a collector tube 104, soil infiltration resistance medium 108, a runoff resistance flow element 113, a standard rain gauge 102, and runoff collection tube 114. Precipitation enters the collector tube 104 and is divided to flow into the infiltration medium 108 and runoff collection tube 114 via flow element 113. Total precipitation is read in standard rain gauge 102, runoff in tube 114, and soil infiltration in medium 108 is calculated by the difference between total precipitation and the runoff.

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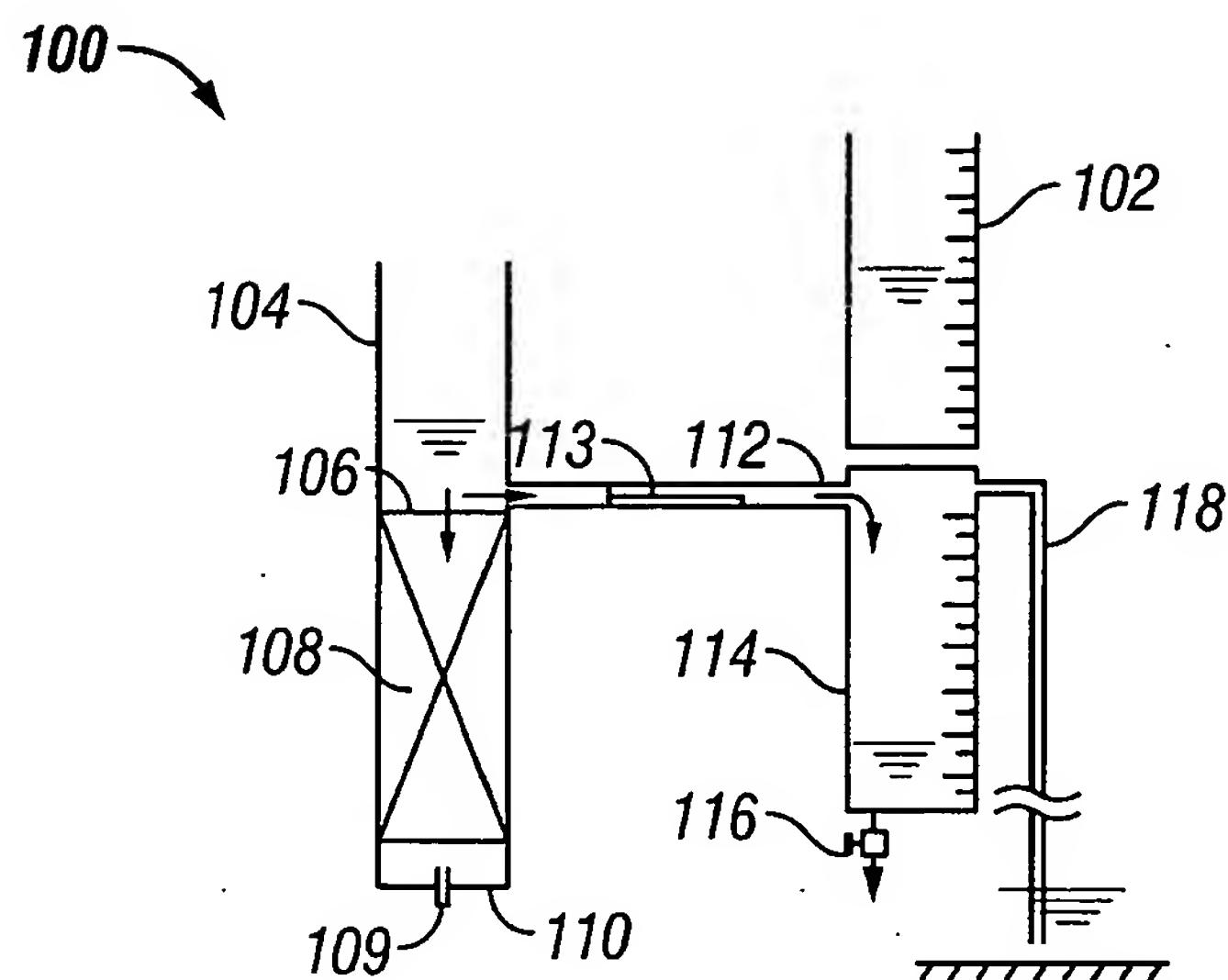


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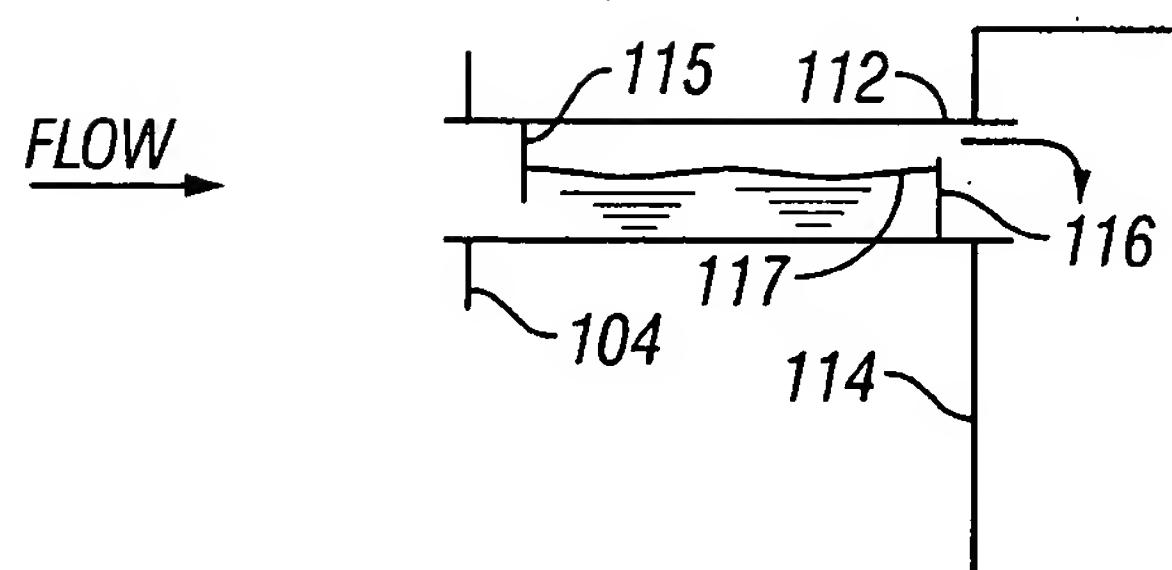


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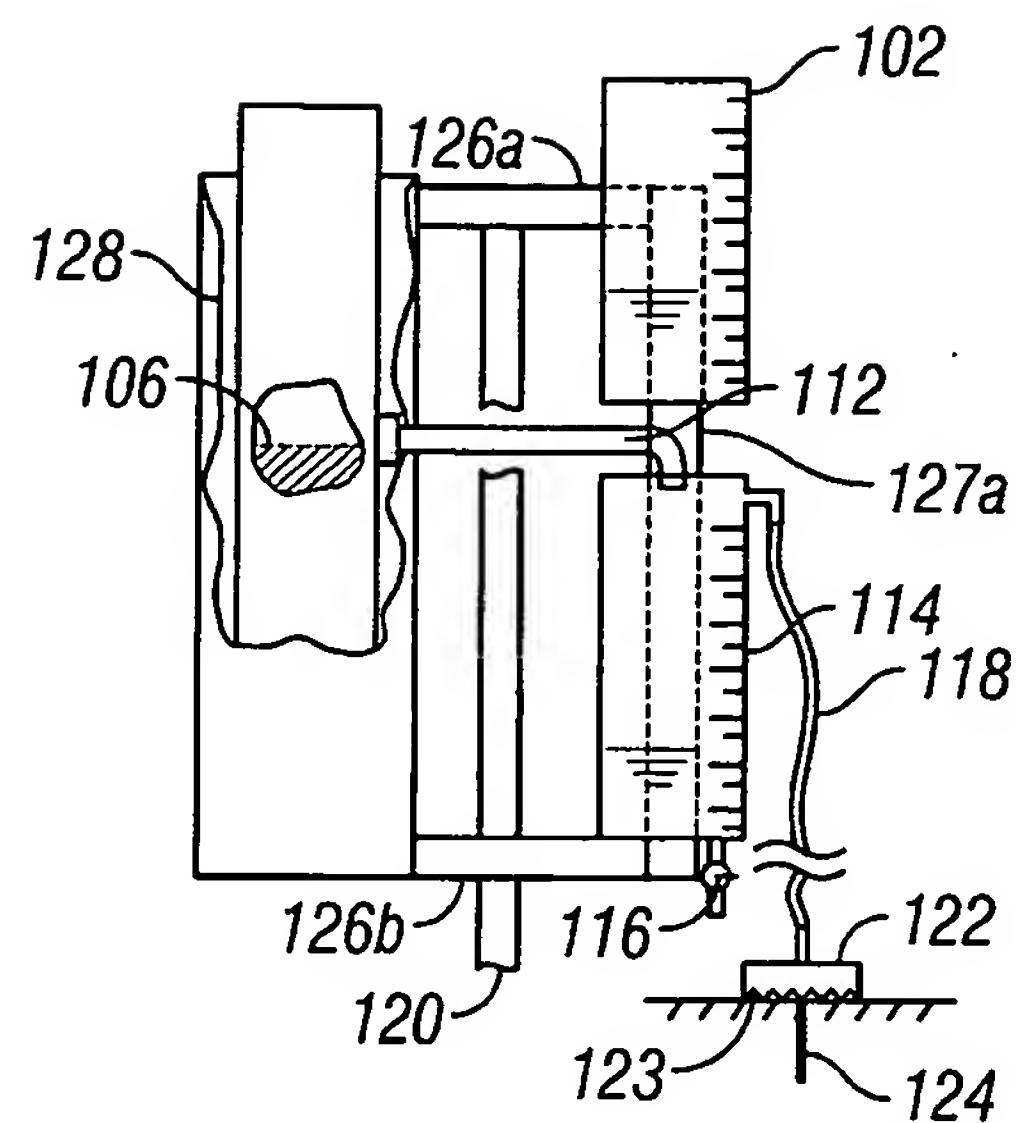


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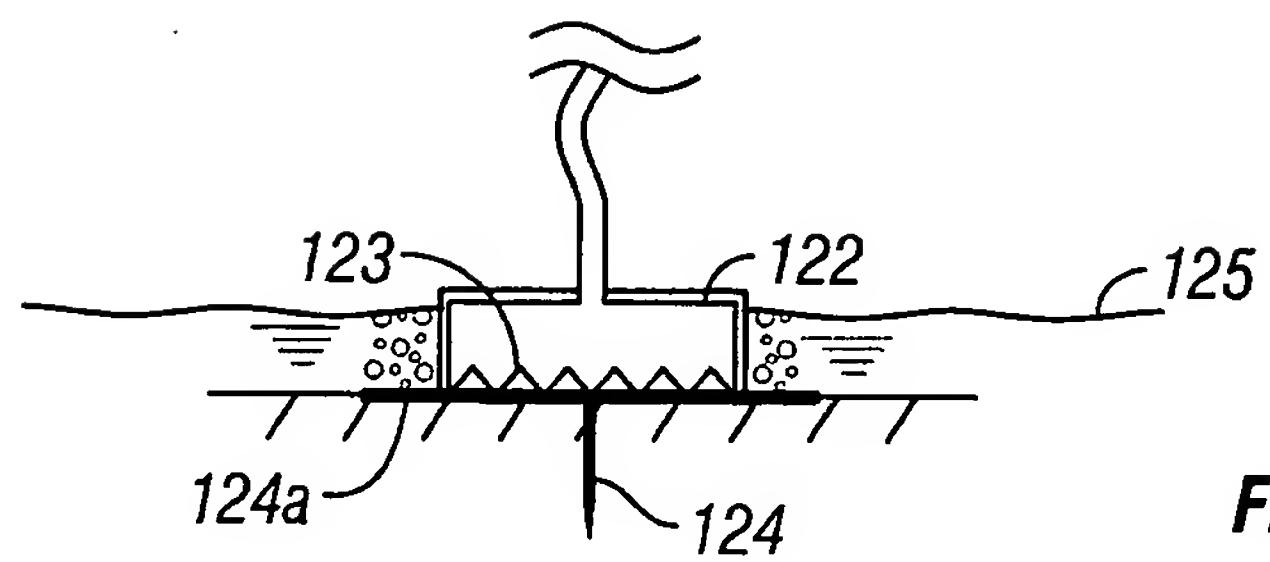


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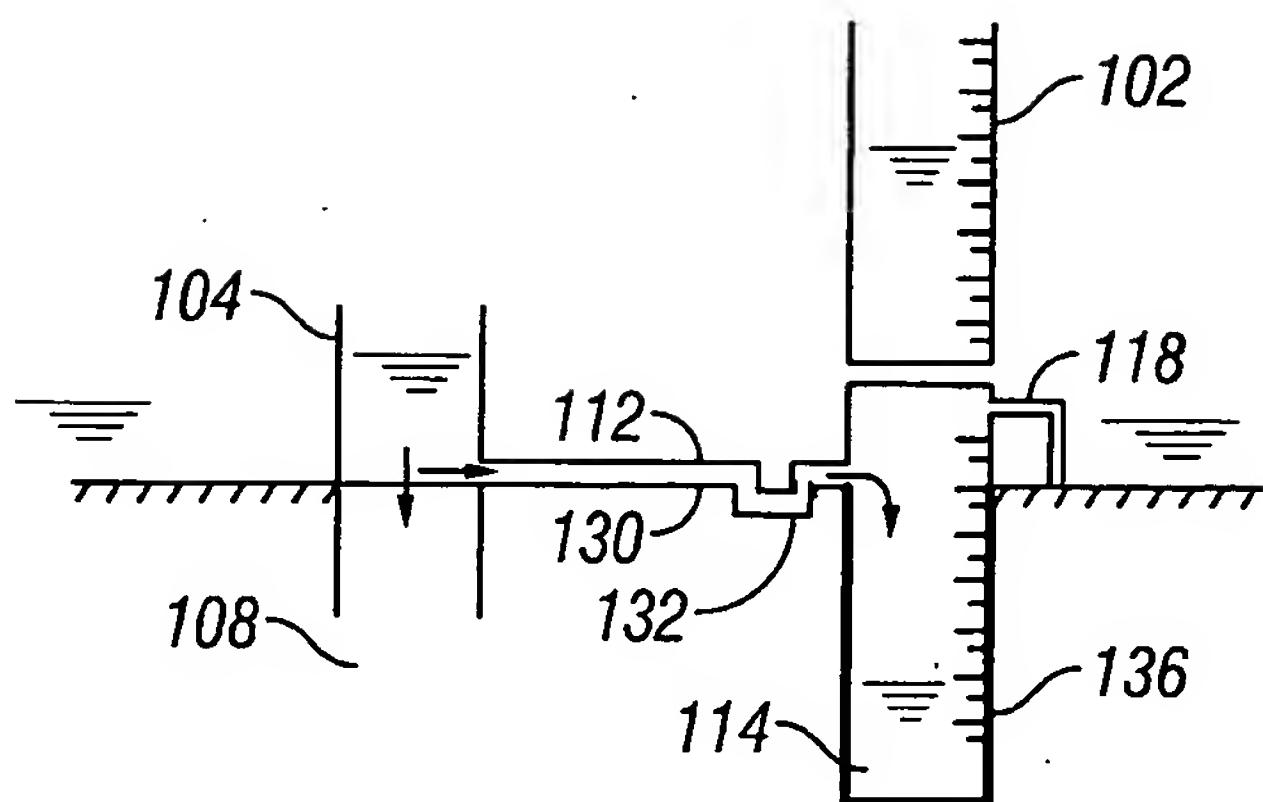


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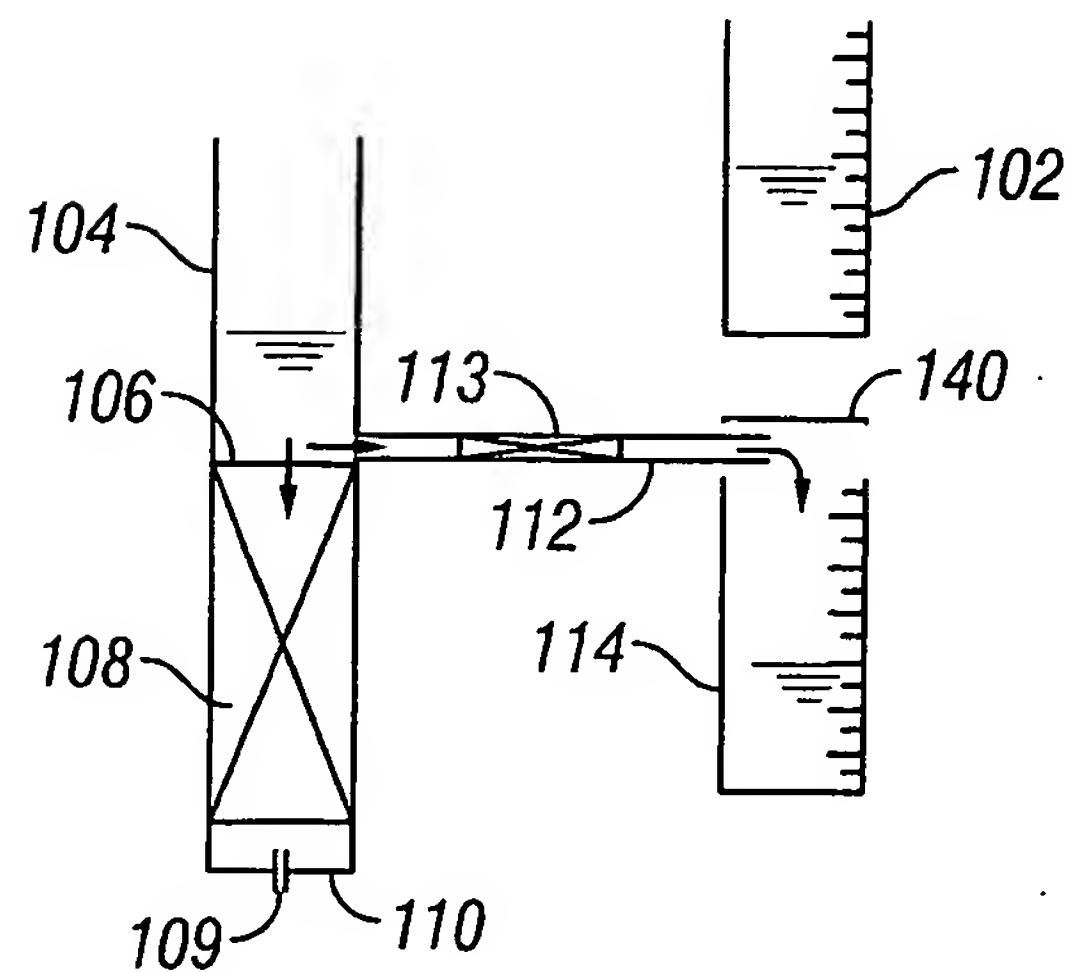


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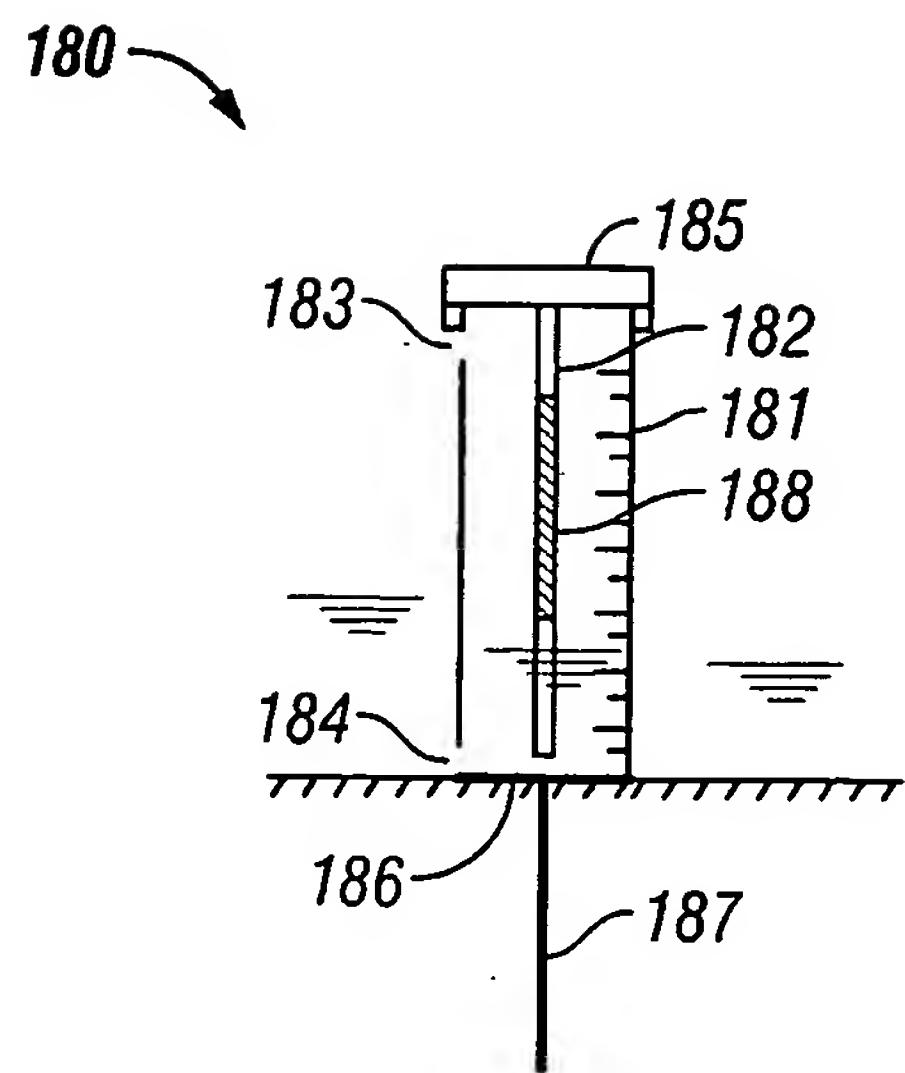


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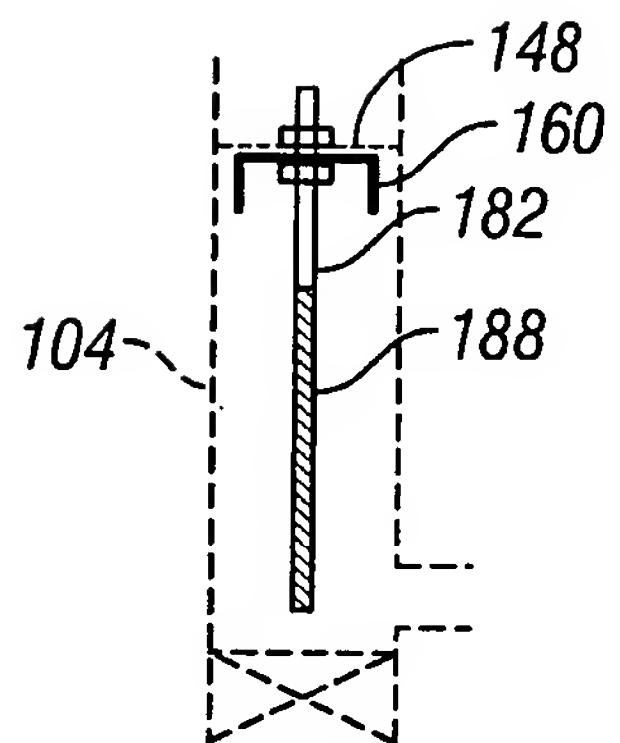


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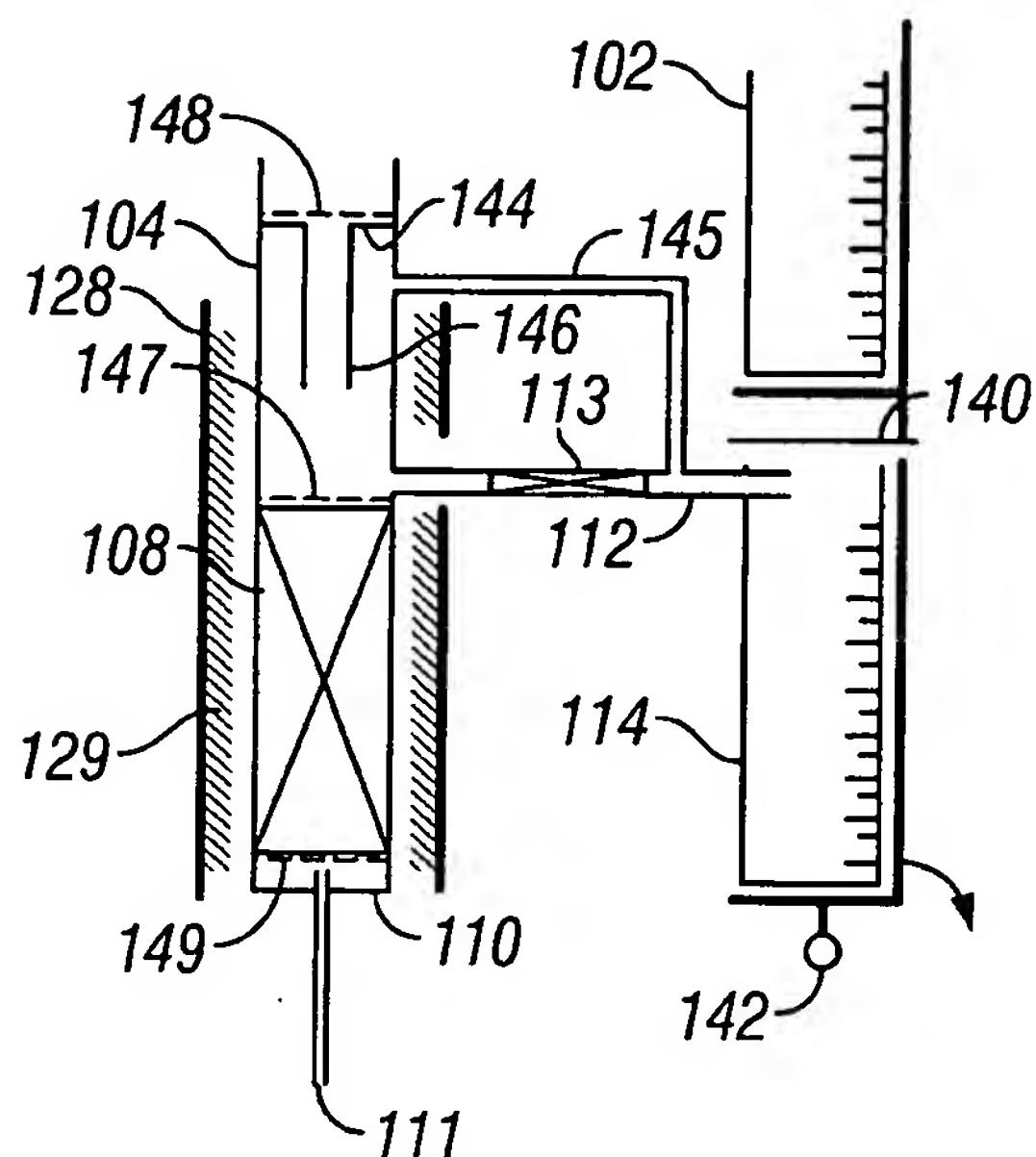


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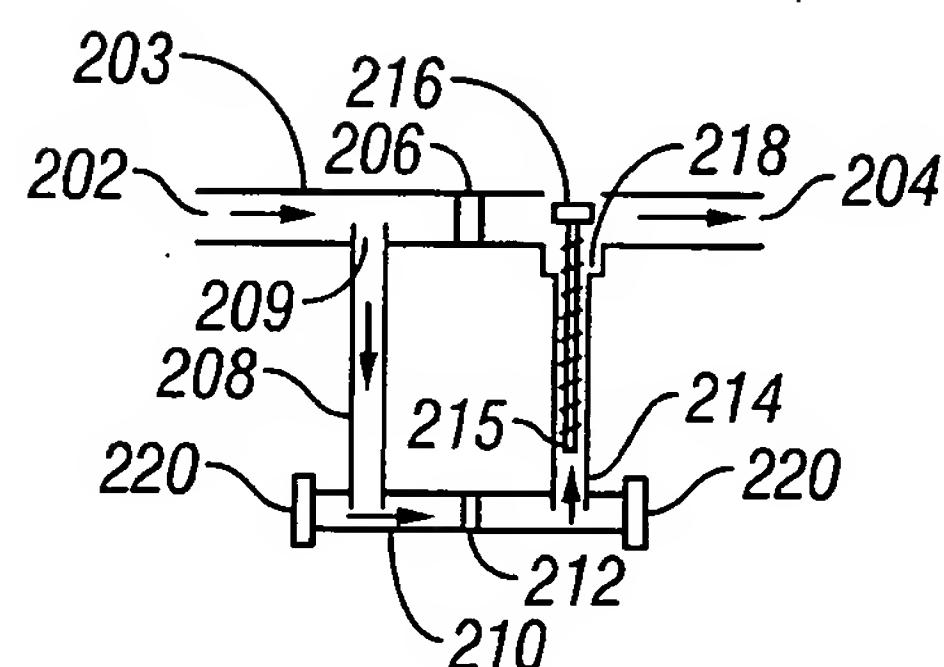


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PN - US5531114 A 19960702 [US5531114]
TI - Rain gauge
IN - FRAGER JAMES R
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EC - G01W-001/14
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US-916060; US2384954; US2570710; US2935872; US3826135; US4665744;
US5291799
AB - (US5531114)
A rain gauge comprising a graduated open end rain collection tube having fins on its lower end. The tube is pivotally mounted at its mid point on a pin secured to one end of a swivel arm rudder, the other end of said swivel arm rudder being mounted for rotation on the end of a support rod stuck into the ground. Wind on the rudder and fins causes the tube to tilt and turn into the wind with the open end facing the rain.
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 MX9305194 A1 19940331 [MX9305194]
 JP6221346 A 19940809 [JP06221346]
 GB2270960 B 19951004 [GB2270960]
TI - Unitary ratio selector mechanism for a multiple ratio manual transmission
PA - BORG WARNER AUTOMOTIVE
PA0 - Borg-Warner Automotive, Inc., Sterling Heights MI [US]
IN - SEAMAN ROBERT L
IN0 - SEAMAN ROBERT L
AP - 1992US-0951051 19920925; 1993CA-2101986 19930805; 1993GB-0016418
 19930806; 1993MX-0005194 19930826
 1993DE-4332440 19930923; 1993JP-0238238 19930924
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US4338828; US4515029; US4726249; US4799399; US5052238; US5105674;
CH221774

CT - (GB9316418)
Cited in the search report
GB1196882(A);GB1402520(A);GB2076085(A);US5060538(A)

AB - (US5291799)
A manual transmission mechanism adapted for use in an engine-driven automotive vehicle comprising a mainshaft and a countershaft, gearing arranged on each of said shafts, and synchronizer clutch structure which is arranged to accommodate a shift linkage mechanism for actuating the synchronizer clutch sleeve so the synchronizer clutch arrangement which makes possible a location of the driver-operated shift linkage in close proximity to the synchronizer clutch sleeves, permitting an efficient shift pattern for the driver-controlled shifter and permitting a simplified assembly of the linkage mechanism with minimum stack-up tolerance errors.

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FAN - 20042752954242

PN -  US4665744 A 19870519 [US4665744]

TI - Combined rain gauge and weather vane

PA - SMITH DAVID G

IN - SMITH DAVID G

AP - 1985US-0736354 19850521

PR - 1985US-0736354 19850521

IC - G01W-001/04 G01W-001/14

EC - G01W-001/04
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CT - (US4665744)
US-916060; US2384954; US2520557; US2570710; US2935872; US3055215;
US3826135

AB - (US4665744)
A combined wind direction indicator and rain gauge is described in which the rain gauge is mounted on a vertically suspended sail at one end of a horizontally disposed elongated member which rotates in a horizontal circle in response to the force of impinging wind. The rain gauge is so disposed that it is always maintained with its open mouth pointed into the direction of wind and at an angle of such that it coincides with the inclination of disending rainfall. Accuracy in measuring rainfall over a given period of time is thereby enhanced since the

amount of rainfall collected will not be influenced by the angle of decent thereof. The device is further characterized by having a weighted head at the end of the elongated member remote from the rain gauge to counter balance the weight of the rain gauge and the sail on which it is mounted.

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FAN - 20042730997079

PN -  US3826135 A 19740730 [US3826135]

TI - SWINGING RAIN GAUGE

PA - HOLLMANN E

IN - HOLLMANN E

AP - 1973US-0346599 19730330

PR - 1973US-0346599 19730330

IC - G01W-001/02 G01W-001/14

EC - G01W-001/14

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CT - (US3826135)
US1118259; US2384954; US2520557; US2935872; GB292776

AB - (US3826135)

A rain gauge which accurately measures rainfall regardless of the presence of wind, comprising a vertical support rod, a wind operated directional fin, said fin rotatably mounted on said rod for rotational movement responsive to the direction of wind, a wind operated rain gauge support pivotally connected to said fin about a horizontal axis adjacent said rod and movable with said fin and pivotally movable about said horizontal axis responsive to the velocity of wind, and rain collecting receptacle means carried by the support and movable therewith for accurately collecting and measuring rainfall regardless of the presence or direction or velocity of wind.

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FAN - 20042721101104

PN -  US2935872 A 19600510 [US2935872]

TI - Weather gauge

IN - MISNER RICHARD I

AP - 1958US-0759575 19580908

PR - 1958US-0759575 19580908

EC - G01P-005/02

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 073170070; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 073170150
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FAN - 20042713072478

PN -  US2384954 A 19450918 [US2384954]

TI - Rain gauge

IN - MOORE JAMES B

AP - 1944US-0567222 19441208

PR - 1944US-0567222 19441208

EC - G01W-001/14

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 073170170; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 073170050
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AP - US2570710D 0

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IDT - 123US

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PN -  US916060 A 0 [US-916060]

AP - US916060D 0

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IDT - 123US

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IN - MOORE DAVID G
AP - 2000US-0523008 20000310
PR - 2000US-0523008 20000310
IC - G01W-001/00
EC - G01W-001/14
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CT - (US6363781)
US1118259; US1153355; US2509522; US2520557; US3826135; US5531114
AB - (US6363781)
A rain gauge assembly has a collection cylinder situated within a vertical support housing. The lowermost portion of the collection cylinder comes to a point which rests upon the bottommost surface of the support housing. The uppermost portion of the collection cylinder is supported by the uppermost portion of the support housing. Connected to the uppermost portion of the collection cylinder is a flexible connector which is connected to a collector and a collector funnel. Affixed to the collector is a wind deflector support arm. The wind deflector support arm is attached to a vertical deflecting fin and a horizontal deflecting fin. The vertical and horizontal fins are situated in perpendicular planes for reacting to both wind direction and wind velocity, respectively.
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PN -  US6494089 B1 20021217 [US6494089]
TI - Rain gauge
IN - GESCHWENDER ROBERT C
AP - 1999US-0450542 19991130
PR - 1999US-0450542 19991130
IC - G01W-001/00
EC - G01F-023/02
G01W-001/14
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US2513605; US2907206; US2935872; US2997876; US4106336; US5531114
Rain Cones, E-708 and E-706; Enduro Catalog, 1993; p. 28.
Morco Specialty Advertising Products 1991 Catalog; pp. 24-25 (no date).
AB - (US6494089)

A rain gauge includes a cylindrical tubular water holder and a flat surface having large rainfall value indicators upon it arranged so that they indicate an amount of rain that has fallen with reference to the water in the water holder and thus are easily readable from a distance. The tubular water holder can be rotated so that indications on it are visible through the curved surface of the cylindrical tube and thus magnified below the water level but not magnified above the water level.

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FAN - 20042791311045

PN -  US5970788 A 19991026 [US5970788]

TI - Rain deflector

IN - KINCHELOE JOHN M

AP - 1998US-0104556 19980625

PR - 1998US-0104556 19980625

IC - G01W-001/00

EC - G01W-001/14

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US-764315; US-916060; US2384954; US2570710; US2935872; US3039304; US3826135; US4578995; US4665744; US4895022; US5291779; US5531114; US5571963; DE606170; SU245407

AB - (US5970788)

A rain deflector for use with a rain gauge comprises a base portion, at least one arm portion having an axis and extending upwardly from the base portion, and attachment means whereby the deflector can be secured to a rain gauge. The arm portion provides an obstruction to rain falling in a direction at an angle to the axis of the arm portion and deposits the rain obstructed into the rain gauge to thereby compensate for rain which would not otherwise be captured in the rain gauge as a result of the direction of the rainfall.

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FAN - 20042790518910

PN -  US5918277 A 19990629 [US5918277]

TI - Apparatus for measuring directional rainfall or snow

IN - YILMAZ G GEORGE

AP - 1997US-0905125 19970801

PR - 1997US-0905125 19970801

IC - A63B-053/00 G01W-001/00

EC - G01W-001/14

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US5291779; US5531114; SU504999

AB - (US5918277)
Present invention provides an apparatus for measuring directional rainfall or snow incorporating variables of a drainage basin including slope of topography and vertical barriers and direction of wind vector all of which are calibrated to the drainage basin. The apparatus includes an angular collection unit having a main angle and a secondary angle and a vertical capture plate adjusted at the height representative of vertical and a positioning unit which positions the angular collection unit in the direction of wind. Using the apparatus, rainfall or snowfall is measured as a function of basin topography and wind conditions eliminating a large number of rainfall and snowfall gauges for averaging purposes to obtain more representative and accurate measurements.

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FAN - 20042780914764

PN -  US5531114 A 19960702 [US5531114]

TI - Rain gauge

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AB - (US5531114)
A rain gauge comprising a graduated open end rain collection tube having fins on its lower end. The tube is pivotally mounted at its mid point on a pin secured to one end of a swivel arm rudder, the other end of said swivel arm rudder being mounted for rotation on the end of a support rod stuck into the ground. Wind on the rudder and fins causes the tube to tilt and turn into the wind with the open end facing the rain.

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TI - Method and apparatus for determining runoff using remote geographic sensing
PA - HAMPTON TERRY L
METTEL M CARSON
IN - HAMPTON TERRY L; METTEL M CARSON
AP - 1991US-0664564 19910305
PR - 1991US-0664564 19910305
IC - G01V-001/00
EC - B64G-001/66
G01S-013/86
G01S-013/89
G01S-013/95C
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702003000
CT - (US5323317)
US3598980; US4227211; US4908763; JP63-238591
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Draper et al., vol. 26 No. 6.

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1984.

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vol. 1, Rango et al.

P. A. DeBarry et al., "Computer Watersheds", Civil Engineering, vol. 60, No. 7,
pp. 67-70 (Jul. 1990).

W. Skipwith et al., "Closing the Floodgates", Civil Engineering, vol. 60, No. 7,
pp. 54, 55 (Jul. 1990).

AB - (US5323317)
Images of a selected geographic region are obtained using remote sensing
apparatus and are processed to determine characteristic spectral reflectance
patterns associated with different ground covers and soil types in the region. The
image processing means compares the spectral reflectance patterns to image
pixel values in order to classify each pixel in a ground cover or soil type class,
the corresponding spectral reflectance pattern for which matches the pixel value.
In a preferred embodiment of the invention, Geographic Information System
(GIS) software is utilized to combine a remotely sensed image providing ground
cover classifications for a geographic region with a remotely sensed image
providing soil type classifications for the same region in order to generate a
rainfall loss function. The rainfall loss function can then be used to determine a
runoff curve number (RCN) for the region, to determine probable maximum
flood (PMF), or to generate various design flood hydrographs corresponding to
different precipitation events using a computer water shed model.

UP - 2000-08

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FAN - 20042762141579

PN -  US4908763 A 19900313 [US4908763]

TI - Spectral data processing method for detection of hydrocarbons

PA - PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO

PA0 - Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville OK [US]

IN - SUNDBERG KENNETH R

AP - 1988US-0242942 19880909

PR - 1988US-0242942 19880909

IC - G01V-005/00 G01V-005/02

EC - G01V-008/02

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702013000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 250253000

CT - (US4908763)

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Thiessen, R. L. et al., "Surface Reflectance Correction and Stereo Enhancement of Landsat Thematic Mapper Imagery for Structural Geologic Exploration", Thematic conference on Remote Sensing for Exploration Geology, Reno, NV, Sep. 29, 1986, published in report number PNL-SA-13832, Nov. 1986, p. 12.

Everett, J. R. et al., "Evaluation of Thematic Mapper Performance as Applied to Hydrocarbon Exploration", NASA Conference Publication 2355, NASA Scientific & Technical Information Branch, Washington, DC, 1985, 119-IV, p. 125.

Hurtak, J. et al., "Strategies for Radar Penetration of Oil Shale and Tar Sands for New Energy Sources", Miami International Conference on Alternative Energy Sources, Miami, FL, Dec. 9, 1985, published by Hemisphere Publishing, New York, Report No. CONF-851201, 3-26.

Collins, W. et al., "High Spectral Resolution of Imaging Systems for 1984", Proceedings of the International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment, Third Thematic Conference: Remote Sensing for Exploration Geology, Colorado Springs, CO, Apr. 16, 1984, published by Environmental Research Institute of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Report No. CONF-840432, 1984, 293-4.

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Snedecor, G. W. and W. A. Cochran, Statistical Methods, Ames, Iowa, Iowa University Press, 1967, pp. 215-220.

AB - (US4908763)

A method of processing spectral data for the earth's surface is provided which

effectively identifies areas having a high probability of containing hydrocarbons. The method involves processing of intensity values for various wavebands of radiation reflected from areas of the earth's surface which correspond to image elements called pixels. The intensity values are employed in conjunction with predetermined hydrocarbon productivity data (i.e. drilled productive, dry holes) to derive discriminant probability functions whose values for various pixels are indicative of the presence of hydrocarbons in those pixels.

UP - 2000-08

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FAN - 20042760958733

PN -  JP63238591 A 19881004 [JP63238591]

TI - CALCULATION SYSTEM FOR PREDICTING RUN-OFF

PA - TOKYO SHIBAURA ELECTRIC CO

PA0 - (A) TOSHIBA CORP

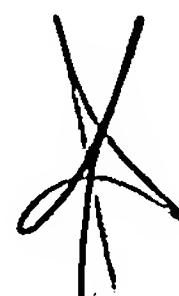
IN - MUNEMOTO MASARU

AP - 1987JP-0071660 19870327

PR - 1987JP-0071660 19870327

IC - G01W-001/10 G06F-015/32

AB - (JP63238591)



PURPOSE: To determine the run-off of a river basin with respect to rainfall, the peak amt. of the run-off and the run-off time with high accuracy by using two storage function chambers and discretely executing the calculations for tracing the out-flow in the two basins; run-off basin and infiltration area.

CONSTITUTION: The data on the actually measured rainfall-run-off of the river basin is inputted and are stored in rainfall depth and run-off files 3, 4 in a step 201. Delay time is determined in a step 202 and the calculation of function equations is executed to determine the calculated run-off value and the actually measured run-off value in a step 203. Run-off characteristics are graphed and are approximated by the two storage function equations in a step 204. Tentative calculations are made by the function equations obtd. in a step 205 to calculate the primary run-off rate and satd. rain depth of the basin. Inputting of prediction data is executed from the rain depth file 3 in a step 301. The run-off of the basin with respect to the rain depth data of the file 3 is calculated by using the function equations and constants selected in the step 302, in a step 303. The peak quantity of the run-off and the run-off time are determined in a step 305.

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UP - 2000-08

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FAN - 20042741491252

PN -  US4227211 A 19801007 [US4227211]

TI - Method for analyzing seasonal growing conditions of crops

PA - COLUMBIA PHOTOGRAFIX INC

PA0 - Columbia Photografix, Inc., Pasco WA [US]

IN - DISBROW LYNNFORD E
AP - 1978US-0944702 19780922
PR - 1978US-0944702 19780922
EC - G01C-011/00
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 348164000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 250340000
348144000 382165000
CT - (US4227211)
US3748471; US3752914; US3752915; US3978324; US4037048
AB - (US4227211)
This method uses electronic measurement of color values in aerial infrared photographic transparencies to analyze the growing condition of a crop. A series of infrared photographs are taken during the growing season, and average color values from the resulting image are plotted and compared to optimum growing conditions. Electronic measurements are made of color densities about the total field area as represented on each photographic image. Each measurement is corrected to eliminate exposure variations in the images due to photographic factors, weather factors, lighting and film conditions, and the date and time at which the photograph was taken.
UP - 2000-08

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FAN - 20042722904930
PN -  US3598980 A 19710810 [US3598980]
TI - METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING AREA GRAVITY
PA - MOBIL OIL CORP
PA0 - Mobil Oil Corporation
IN - LAWRENCE PHILIP L; EHLERT GILBERT W; LESTER JOHN A;
MUSGRAVE ALBERT W
AP - US3598980D 19690922
FD - (US3598980)
Cont. of US330413 19631213 [1963US-0330413] (Abandoned)
PR - 1969US-0860117 19690922
IC - G01V-007/06 G06F-015/34 G06G-007/18
EC - G01V-007/06
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702017000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 708805000
CT - (US3598980)
US2801794; US2959351; US3112397; US3256480; US3284763; US3319226
AB - (US3598980)
Gravity profiles are smoothed by differing smoothing intervals. Several of the smoothed profiles are then combined, or averaged, to form an averaged area gravity value. The averaged area gravity values are subtracted one from another to generate a plurality of difference area gravity values. Each of these difference area gravity values accentuates an anomaly in a different depth range.
UP - 2000-08

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FAN - 20050970048248

PN -  US2005071054 A1 20050331 [US20050071054]
 US6983198 B2 20060103 [US6983198]

TI - Onboard satellite processing to mitigate data recorder limits

PA - Harris Corporation
HARRIS CORP

PA0 - Harris Corporation, Melbourne FL [US]

IN - WEINER ALLAN M

AP - 2003US-0672583 20030926

FD - (US20050071054)
Previous Publication: US20050071054 A1 20050331

PR - 2003US-0672583 20030926

IC - G06F-017/00

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 701013000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 244158000R
342026000A 342060000 348144000 702003000 702005000

CT - (US20050071054)
Cited; US5248979; US5323317; US5329595; US5596494; US5612901; Cited;
US4465940

AB - (US20050071054)
A spacecraft (102) can include a communications receiver (210) for receiving a selected list of targets (114, 116) for which desired information is to be acquired by the spacecraft (102). In addition to location data concerning the targets, the list can also include a predetermined priority value assigned to each target on the list. The list can include data acquisition targets that collectively comprise more data than can be stored on the spacecraft's onboard solid state recorder (204). One or more computer processors (206) can be also be provided onboard the spacecraft. The processor (206) can process the acquired data onboard the spacecraft to determine whether the data contains at least a predetermined portion of the desired information and can overwrite lesser priority data (316) when the solid state recorder (204) is otherwise full.

UP - 2005-13

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FAN - 20042802857072

PN -  US2004138815 A1 20040715 [US20040138815]
 US6889141 B2 20050503 [US6889141]

TI - Method and system to flexibly calculate hydraulics and hydrology of watersheds automatically

IN - LI WEIMIN; GAO QIAN

AP - 2003US-0338995 20030110

FD - (US20040138815)
Previous Publication: US20040138815 A1 20040715

PR - 2003US-0338995 20030110

IC - G01V-003/00

EC - E03B-001/00

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702002000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 405036000

CT - (US20040138815)
Cited; US5323317; US5342144
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Maidment et al., GIS for Floodplain Mapping in Design of Highway Drainage Facilities, Aug. 1998, Bureau of Engineering Research: The University of Texas at Austin.*

Tate, Floodplain Mapping and terrain Modeling Using HEC-RAS and ArcView GIS, Apr. 1999, Center for Research in Water Resources.*

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State Standard for Floodplain Hydraulic Modeling, Jul. 2002, Arizona Department of Water Resources Dam Safety Section.

AB - (US20040138815)
A method and system for calculating hydraulics and hydrology of watersheds automatically with flexibility. It combines the concepts of hydraulics and hydrology with the flexibility of spreadsheets and the automation of the accompanied standalone computer modules created in this new system. Each standalone module functions as a control center to communicate with other application programs like EXCEL and process the input data, to perform the calculation internally and place results in a popularly adopted format like spreadsheet. One control center relays information to others through linking the input and output data sources. A seamless stream of calculation can be formed flexibly by repeating the above linking procedure. This optimized calculation stream and the new computer functions created in them have eliminated many tedious and labor-intensive tasks. The modules are self-contained, which means easy maintenance and error proof compared with the scripts if any embedded in spreadsheets.

UP - 2004-29

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FAN - 20042801513598

PN -  US2003018432 A1 20030123 [US20030018432]
 US6522972 B2 20030218 [US6522972]

TI - Method for determining an instantaneous unit hydrograph

IN - HELMS PRESTON W

AP - 2001US-0907973 20010718

PR - 2001US-0907973 20010718

IC - G06F-169/00

EC - E03F-001/00
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702003000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 405039000
CT - (US20030018432)
 US4153881; US4987913; US5279151; US5323317; US5440483; US5521813;
 US6061013

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Geomorphology and Kinematic Wave Based Hydrograph Derivation, by Swan Tun Lee and Ben Chie Yen, Journal of Hydraulic Engineering, Jan. 1997.

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AB - (US20030018432)
 A method for producing a more accurate instantaneous unit hydrograph particularly for urban areas and for use in specifying the capacities of structures engineered to manage surface water runoff at the watershed catchment. The method uses map data verified by on-site inspections to obtain the input for the computer-performed calculation of initial probabilities, transition probabilities and mean waiting times, and subsequently the instantaneous unit hydrograph. This data includes the areas, links between streams, and slopes of various parts of the watershed.

UP - 2003-06

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FAN - 20042800613388

PN - CA2419272 A1 20020228 [CA2419272]
 WO200217540 A2 20020228 [WO200217540]
 AU8833401 A 20020304 [AU200188334]
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 EP1323099 A2 20030702 [EP1323099]
 BR0113436 A 20041207 [BR200113436]
 US6990459 B2 20060124 [US6990459]

TI - SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DEVELOPING A FARM MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE

PA - Deere & Company
DEERE & CO
SCHNEIDER GARY M

PA0 - Schneider, Gary M.; 4528 Otter Road; Masonville, Colorado 80541 (US)

IN - SCHNEIDER GARY M

AP - 2001BR-0013436 20010821; 2001CA-2419272 20010821; 2001EP-0968056
20010821; 2001US-0934257 20010821
2001AU-0088334 20010821; 2001WO-US26051 20010821

FD - (US20020103688)
Prov. AP US60226857 20000822 [2000US-P226857]
Rel. Prov. 60/228,857 20000822 [2000US-P228857]
Previous Publication: US20020103688 A1 20020801

PR - 2000US-P226857 20000822; 2001US-0934257 20010821; 2001WO-US26051
20010821

IC - G06F-017/60

EC - A01B-079/00

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 705008000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 705007000

DS - (EP1323099)
AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE IT LI LU MC NL PT SE TR
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DS - (WO200217540)
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KG KP KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ
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VN YU ZA ZW European patent (AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE
IT LU MC NL PT SE TR) OAPI patent (BF BJ CF CG CI CM GA GN GQ GW
ML MR NE SN TD TG) ARIPO patent (GH GM KE LS MW MZ SD SL SZ TZ
UG ZW) Eurasian patent (AM AZ BY KG KZ MD RU TJ TM)

CT - (EP1323099)
Cited in the search report
See references of WO 0217540A2

CT - (US20020103688)
Cited; US5467271; US5771169; US5897619; US6058351; US6141614;
US6327569; US6505146; US20020023052; US20030036852; JP411134398;
Cited; US3978324; US4015366; US4016542; US4176395; US4209131;
US4244022; USRE31023; US4420682; US4430828; US4463706; US4493290;
US4617876; US4626984; US4630773; US4722054; US4745550; US4755942;
US4760547; US4876643; US4931932; US4949248; US4992940; US4992942;
US4996645; US5107443; US5023787; US5063505; US5124909; US5136501;
US5173079; US5173855; US5220876; US5246164; US5287453; US5297195;
US5299207; US5323317; US5327708; US5355815; US5379057; US5453924;
USRE35100; US5566069; US5689418; US5699244; US5701400; US5721679;
US5751576; US5752023; US5757640; US5851999; US5859972; US5867494;
US5867495; US5873071; US5884224; US5884225; US5884226; EP0203662;
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Pushing for Better Crop Data, Indiana Prairie Farmer, Aug. 18, 1984.

Software Scene Portable and Desktop Computer Integrated Field Book and Data Collection System for Agronomists (1992).

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CT - (WO200217540)
Cited in the search report
US5897619(A)(Cat. X);US5467271(A)(Cat. Y)
BATTE M.T.: 'Factors influencing the profitability of precision farming systems'
JOURNAL OF SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION vol. 55, no. 1, 2000,
pages 12 - 18, XP002907283(Cat. Y)

AB - (US20020103688)
A system comprised of hardware, software and business processes for developing an optimal custom farm management plan, and in particular, a single year or multi-year crop selection, acreage allocation, and resource management strategies for production agriculture. The method uses mathematical programming and sensitivity analysis to help the user determine optimal allocations of controllable resources such as land, capital, labor, water, machinery, and chemicals in the context of farm management objectives. The system allows the import of data and information relating to the farm and data and information from third party industry professionals and sources, thereby providing for a complete analysis based on these parameters.

UP - 2002-27

TI - Methods and systems for updating a land use and land cover map using postal records

PA - VERIZON LAB INC

PA0 - Verizon Laboratories Inc., Waltham MA [US]

IN - HECKMAN NORMAN EUGENE; CHENG BEATO T; HAO JIANXIU

AP - 2000US-0624728 20000725

PR - 2000US-0624728 20000725

IC - G06F-017/30

EC - G01C-015/00

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 707006000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 379220010
707005000 707104100

CT - (US6571242)
US4757267; US5323317; US5719949; US5870741; US5901214; US6064337;
US6125367; US6304684

AB - (US6571242)
Systems and methods are presented to classify a region on a map, or to update a preexisting classification of the region. The method utilizes postal records, associated with geographic positions, and corresponding land classifications to classify the region or to update the preexisting classification.

UP - 2003-23

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FAN - 20042792274665

PN - WO200104627 A1 20010118 [WO200104627]
 AU5849000 A 20010130 [AU200058490]
 EP1203955 A1 20020508 [EP1203955]
EP1203955 A4 20030702 [EP1203955]
 US6937939 B1 20050830 [US6937939]

TI - SOIL MEASURING INSTRUMENT, SOIL MEASUREMENT ASSISTING DEVICE AND METHOD, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH PROGRAM IS RECORDED, RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH DATA IS RECORDED, APPLICATION AMOUNT CONTROLLER, APPLICATION AMOUNT DETERMINING DEVICE, METHOD FOR THEM, AND FARM WORKING DETERMINATION ASSISTING SYSTEM

PA - HIRAKO SHINICHI
HISANO ATSUSHI
OMRON TATEISI ELECTRONICS CO
SHIBUSAWA SAKAE
TAKENOBU TORU
UNIV TOKYO AGRICULTURE
YAMAZAKI KIZO

PA0 - Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology TLO Company, Ltd., [JP]

IN - TAKENOBU TORU; YAMAZAKI KIZO; HIRAKO SHINICHI; HISANO ATSUSHI; SHIBUSAWA SAKAE

AP - 2000EP-0944296 20000706; 2000AU-0058490 20000706; 2000WO-JP04503
20000706; 2002US-0030402 20020520

FD - (US6937939)
PCT/JP00/04503 20000706 [2000WO-JP04503]
WO01/04627 20010118 [WO200104627]

PR - 1999JP-0195139 19990708; 2000JP-0070158 20000314; 2000WO-JP04503
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IC - G01N-033/24

EC - G01N-021/31D
G01N-021/35D

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702022000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 250255000
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DS - (EP1203955)
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DS - (WO200104627)
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DK DM DZ EE ES FI GB GD GE GH GM HR HU ID IL IN IS JP KE KG KP
KR KZ LC LK LR LS LT LU LV MA MD MG MK MN MW MX MZ NO NZ
PL PT RO RU SD SE SG SI SK SL TJ TM TR TT TZ UA UG US UZ VN YU
ZA ZW ARIPO Patent (GH GM KE LS MW MZ SD SL SZ TZ UG ZW)
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CF CG CI CM GA GN GW ML MR NE SN TD TG)

CT - (EP1203955)
Cited in the search report
EP615682(A1)(Cat. X);DE19744973(A1)(Cat. X);US5621669(A)(Cat.
X);US5323317(A)(Cat. X);EP635960(A1)(Cat. Y);EP576121(A1)(Cat.
Y);SU1035516(A1)(Cat. X); WO9821930(A1)(Cat. X);GB2305045(A)(Cat. Y)
AUERNHAMMER H ET AL: "GPS FOR YIELD MAPPING ON COMBINES"
COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS IN AGRICULTURE, AMSTERDAM,
NL, vol. 11, 1994, pages 53-68, XP002059528(Cat. A)
REITZ P ET AL: "INVESTIGATIONS ON A PARTICULAR YIELD
MAPPING SYSTEM FOR COMBINE HARVESTERS" COMPUTERS AND
ELECTRONICS IN AGRICULTURE, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 14, no. 2/3, 1
February 1996 (1996-02-01), pages 137-150, XP002059527(Cat. A)
See also references of WO 0104627A1

CT - (US6937939)
Cited; US5044756; US5316950; US5355815; US5461229; US5467271;
US5668719; US5673637; US5712782; US5743343; US5884224; US5887491;
US6016713; US6035950; US6041582; US6044324; US6070539; US6138590;
US6236907; US6324922; US6484652; US6570999; US6597992; US6606542;
US6608672; US6853937; Cited; US5323317; US5621669; DE19744973;
EP0576121; EP0615682; EP0635960; GB2305045; JP51-132887; JP11-83627;
JP11-313594; RU1035516; WO9821930
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Soils Under Varying Moisture Conditions", IEEE, 1994.

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AB - (EP1203955)
A model for determining the type of soil, the water content of a soil, and the soil properties, and a soil measurement data storage portion (60) to store therein measurement data necessary to carry out the model and correlated with specific measurement conditions are provided. The water content is measured by a water content measuring portion (57) on the basis of the measurement data fed from a soil sensor (S). The type of soil is determined by a feature extracting portion (56) and a type-of-soil determining portion (58), and the determined type of soil is sent to a determining portion (59). The determining portion (59) determines corresponding conditions and a model according to the type of soil and water content of the measured place received and sets them in a predetermined processing portion.+DBPH+ The soil sensor feeds measurement data meeting the measurement conditions to a measurement information processing portion (55), and the processing portion (55) determines the soil properties according to the determined model. <IMAGE>

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FAN - 20042791930758

PN -  US6119069 A 20000912 [US6119069]

TI - System and method for deriving field boundaries using alpha shapes

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IN - MCCUALEY JAMES DARRELL

AP - 1999US-0258962 19990301

PR - 1999US-0258962 19990301

IC - G06F-019/00

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A system and method for determining the boundaries of a field is disclosed. The system and method utilizes computational geometry and, in particular, the alpha shape of the field to derive the field boundary of a set of georeferenced data points. The method includes collecting georeferenced data for the field, assigning the georeferenced data to a data set, filtering the data to remove anomalous data points, filtering the data to remove known inside points, scaling the point coordinates from decimal to integer form, determining the alpha shape of the set, buffering the alpha shape to compensate for antenna position, and outputting the field boundary.

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FAN - 20042791633880

PN -  FR2785425 A1 20000505 [FR2785425]
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TI - Automatic management of terrain for slurry management in waste water purification plants

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PA0 - SUEZ-LYONNAISE DES EAUX; 72 AVENUE DE LA LIBERTE 92753 NANTERRE CEDEX

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AP - 1998FR-0013744 19981102

PR - 1998FR-0013744 19981102

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EC - G06Q-010/00C
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The automatic management commences with a digital map built from satellite data, identifies the nature and use of zones on the map, and digitizes the contours of appropriate areas on the map. This data is transformed to binary images which are superposed to provide a geographic representation that is suitable for

automatic analysis to determine use of a site for waste spreading.

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TI - Mapping system for the integration and graphical display of pipeline information that enables automated pipeline surveillance

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AP - 1998US-0159381 19980923; 1999CA-2277713 19990712; 1999EP-0306066
19990730; 2001GB-0009161 19990922
1999AU-0060516 19990922; 1999WO-US21715 19990922; 2001MX-PA03044
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PR - 1998US-0159381 19980923; 1999WO-US21715 19990922

IC - F17D-005/00

EC - F17D-005/00

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 382103000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 348144000

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DS - (WO200018124)
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GM KE LS MW SD SL SZ TZ UG ZW) Eurasian Patent (AM AZ BY KG KZ
MD RU TJ TM) European Patent (AT BE CH CY DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IE
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Cited in the search report
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AB - (EP-989353)
Pipeline data and satellite data are used to provide surveillance for a pipeline.
The satellite data is integrated with the pipeline data to produce a current pipeline map. The current pipeline map is then compared with a previous pipeline map to determine whether the route of the pipeline or a surrounding environment of the pipeline has changed. The satellite data includes very high resolution (VHR) satellite imagery and the pipeline data includes location data that is a series of global positioning system (GPS) coordinates. <IMAGE>

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TI - A GROUND TRUTH MONITORING SYSTEM

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PR - 1997IL-0122389 19971201; 1998WO-IL00588 19981201

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CT - (WO9927768)
Cited in the search report
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AB - (WO9927768)
The present invention relates to a ground truth monitoring system for continuous agricultural stage evaluations. The system of the present invention is comprised of (a) at least one spectral data acquisition sensor unit (which is directed through at least one optical assembly toward a plant part monitoring target site), (b) at least one optical assembly for each sensor unit (and the optical assembly is at least one optical fiber or at least one lens or a combination thereof) and the optical assembly is connected to the sensor unit, (c) means for affixing the optical assembly in proximity to the target site, (d) a data transfer conduit (connected at one end to each sensor unit and at the other end to a data processing unit), and (e) the data processing unit wherein data from sensor units is normalized against species specific calibration standards.

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TI - System for monitoring the depth of snow

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IN - WARREN LARRY K

AP - 1997US-0815280 19970310; 1998AU-0064553 19980309; 1998WO-US04608
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PR - 1997US-0815280 19970310; 1998US-0040665 19980318; 1998WO-US04608
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PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702166000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 702002000

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AB - (US5761095)
 A system is disclosed for monitoring the depth of snow with respect to the ground. The system may employ a global positioning system and includes an initialization unit for generating ground surface data representative of the surface of the ground. The system also includes a snow surface data acquisition unit for generating snow surface data representative of the surface of the snow. The system further includes an analysis unit in communication with the ground surface data and the snow surface data for comparing the ground and snow surface data. Snow depth data is then generated representative of the area between the ground and snow surfaces.

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TI - System for generating color images of land

IN - LIGON THOMAS R

AP - 1996US-0756375 19961127

PR - 1996US-0756375 19961127

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EC - G06T-011/00C

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CT - (US5999650)
 US4015366; US4227211; US4908763; US5323317

AB - (US5999650)
 An imaging system produces an accurately colored representation of any desired land portion of the Earth's surface based on its measured red and near infra-red

radiation. The land's image is composed of a set of pixels, each colored to represent the color of a corresponding area of the land. In the course of generating the image, the system classifies each area of the land based on scan data produced by satellites measuring red and near-infrared radiation from each area of the land. The system associates a color with each land class and colors the image pixel corresponding to each area of the land with the color associated with its class. The system allows an operator to supply input calibration data controlling the color associated with each class. Through an iterative process of adjusting the calibration data so as to make colors in the land image produced by the system conform to known colors of representative areas of that land, the operator can make the system produce an accurately colored image of the entire land. The system also generates a color classification display illustrating how it relates color to land classification. The color classification map display helps the operator to determine how to adjust the calibration data.

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TI - Airborne system for acquisition and processing of images with variable characteristics

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AP - 1996FR-0006907 19960603; 1997ES-0401102 19970520; 1997DE-6014913 19970520; 1997EP-0401102 19970520
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PR - 1996FR-0006907 19960603

IC - G01V-008/02

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PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 382100000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 348144000 370317000

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AB - (EP-811857)
The system is designed to collect and process images of a surveyed zone from an airborne system, with the aim of detecting significant alterations in this zone. The system includes a photo-sensitive matrix camera(1) adapted to acquire sequentially successive image bands(Bi), of an overflowed zone, in a series of narrow spectral windows.

The system has a control unit (2) which includes a section for selecting images from a site in one or several spectral bands, each grouping a defined number of spectral windows. The respective width and spectral functions (F lambda) can be modified, as desired, using logic, based upon the nature of the phenomena being analysed in the domain of a certain application. The system also includes a compensation arrangement for easily connecting the images shifted by variations in the trajectory of the aircraft.

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TI - Agricultural communication network.

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IN - MONSON ROBERT J

AP - 1994CA-2123147 19940509; 1994EP-0303408 19940512; 1995US-0367952
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AB - (EP-635960)

An agricultural communications network including a master system which polls lower level systems for digital maps, each map comprising field character information indicative of a feature at each location of a farmer's field. An agronomist can correlate the data of the digital maps to ascertain common conditions which realize maximum yields. Farmers and their regional dealers participate in the system through subscription. Anonymity is maintained through hierarchy such that the farmers will participate in the network, thus expanding the data base for use by the agronomist. Thus, the participating subscribers facilitate expansion of the field of agronomy for the benefit of all.

<IMAGE>

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FAN - 20042771350430
PN -  US5546572 A 19960813 [US5546572]
TI - Method for retrieving database of image information
PA - HITACHI LTD
PA0 - Hitachi, Ltd., Tokyo [JP]
IN - KODAIRA TAKATOSHI; MATSUMOTO KUNIAKI; KOMURA FUMINOBU; SETO YOUICHI; TEZUKA SHU; KIKUCHI MASAHIRO
AP - 1992US-0934336 19920825
PR - 1991JP-0216890 19910828
IC - G06T-017/00
EC - G06F-017/30L
PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 707005000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 714001000
CT - (US5546572)
US4737916; US4748678; US4873513; US5043902; US5073819; US5113178;
US5121326; US5123088; US5124915; US5165103; US5179649; US5185673;
US5201048; US5267351; US5323317; US5350303
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Stuart Abrams; "Interactive MRI and CT image analysis with a microcomputer system", IEEE, 1988, p. 1.

Smotroff et al.; "Metrological Classification of Satellite Imagery using Neural Network Data Fusion"; IEEE, 1990, pp. 23-28.

AB - (US5546572)
A retrieving key representing position information is used to retrieve image information containing the retrieving key information at a high speed and high precision. First a retrieving key is inputted to display retrieval information. The retrieving key is used to retrieve an image having a large size relative to a geometric distortion error, and the longitude/latitude conversion coefficients of the retrieved image are corrected. By using the corrected longitude/latitude conversion coefficients, an image having a small size relative to the geometric distortion error is retrieved, and the retrieved image is subject to distortion correction and image magnification.

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FAN - 20042770952613

PN -  US5323317 A 19940621 [US5323317]

TI - Method and apparatus for determining runoff using remote geographic sensing

PA - HAMPTON TERRY L
METTEL M CARSON

IN - HAMPTON TERRY L; METTEL M CARSON

AP - 1991US-0664564 19910305

PR - 1991US-0664564 19910305

IC - G01V-001/00

EC - B64G-001/66
G01S-013/86
G01S-013/89
G01S-013/95C

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 702003000

CT - (US5323317)
US3598980; US4227211; US4908763; JP63-238591

Water Resources Bulletin, American Water Resources Association, Dec., 1986, Draper et al., vol. 26 No. 6.

IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, vol. GE-22, No. 6, Nov. 1984.

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P. A. DeBarry et al., "Computer Watersheds", Civil Engineering, vol. 60, No. 7,

pp. 67-70 (Jul. 1990).

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AB - (US5323317)
Images of a selected geographic region are obtained using remote sensing apparatus and are processed to determine characteristic spectral reflectance patterns associated with different ground covers and soil types in the region. The image processing means compares the spectral reflectance patterns to image pixel values in order to classify each pixel in a ground cover or soil type class, the corresponding spectral reflectance pattern for which matches the pixel value. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, Geographic Information System (GIS) software is utilized to combine a remotely sensed image providing ground cover classifications for a geographic region with a remotely sensed image providing soil type classifications for the same region in order to generate a rainfall loss function. The rainfall loss function can then be used to determine a runoff curve number (RCN) for the region, to determine probable maximum flood (PMF), or to generate various design flood hydrographs corresponding to different precipitation events using a computer water shed model.

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FAN - 20042803045053

PN - GB0314875 D0 20030730 [GB200314875]
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TI - Low voltage power source

PA - HYDROK
HYDROK UK LTD

IN - RIVERS STEPHEN DAVID

AP - 2003GB-0014875 20030626

PR - 2003GB-0014875 20030626

IC - B01D-029/64 H02J-007/32

EC - B01D-029/64
H02J-007/35M

CT - (GB200314875)
Cited in the search report
GB1287347(A);DE3405466(A1);DE19646612(C1);DE20300126
(U1);DE29922820(U1);JP11173254(A);JP2003046659(A);US5074996
(A);US5571406(A);US2003071737(A);WO03008803(A1)

AB - (GB200314875)
A low voltage power source comprises a wind turbine 1 or a photovoltaic cell 2, or a combination of both, which charge a battery pack 3. The battery pack will in turn power an electric motor 5 which will drive a hydraulic pump 6 which charges an accumulator or pressure reservoir. The stored energy will be used to operate a hydraulic ram 10 which operates a machine to clean the filter screen 14 in a combined sewer overflow system 13. The system controls 11 will incorporate an alarm system with the facility to report faults and access controls through the medium of a cellular phone.s

UP - 2003-34

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FAN - 20042801749325

PN -  US2003071737 A1 20030417 [US20030071737]

TI - Automated stormwater monitoring system and method

IN - NAWATHE DILIP

AP - 2001US-0977976 20011016

PR - 2001US-0977976 20011016

IC - G08B-021/00

EC - G01W-001/14

PCL - ORIGINAL (O) : 340616000; CROSS-REFERENCE (X) : 340602000

AB - (US20030071737)
Stormwater running at a construction site is monitored from an off-site location. When rainfall of a selected level is detected on site, a specimen of runoff is

collected and an offsite station signaled that the event has occurred.

UP - 2003-17

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S5 4 S S1 AND (S2 OR S3)

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S3 17486913 S GAUG????? OR MEASUR????? OR CIRCUIT?
S4 16650 S COLLECT????(3N) TUBE?
S5 1224921 S INFILTRAT????? OR PENETRAT????? OR PERMEAT?
S6 3991508 S SOIL OR DIRT? OR EARTH?
S7 15005 S S1 AND S2 AND S3
S8 36256 S S1(4N)S2
S9 36256 S S8 AND S2
S10 2 S S4 AND S9
S11 159582 S RUNOFF? OR RUN()OFF? OR RUN???(2N)OFF?
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S13 114 S S12 AND (TUBE? ? OR CONTAINER?)
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S17 5906 S S2 AND S16
S18 635 S S17 AND (TUBE? ? OR CONTAINER? OR COLLECT?)
S19 8945 S S11 AND S5 AND S6
S20 5801 S S19 AND S2
S21 614 S S20 AND (TUBE? ? OR CONTAINER? OR COLLECT?)
S22 0 S S21 AND (BACK()FLOW? OR BACK()HEAD? OR BACKFOLW? OR BACKHEAD?)
S23 1 S S20 AND S4
S24 2 S S17 AND S4
S25 2 S S23 OR S24
S26 2 RD (unique items)
S27 83 S (RUNOFF? OR RUN()OFF? OR RUN???(2N)OFF?) AND (TUBES OR TUBE OR TUBING)
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08814998 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2004-03-9240-065

Title: Experimental study of water fluxes in a residential area. 2. Road infiltration, runoff and evaporation

Author Ragab, R.; Rosier, P.; Dixon, A.; Bromley, J.; Cooper, J.D.

Author Affiliation: Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, Wallingford, UK

Journal: Hydrological Processes vol.17, no.12 p. 2423-37

Publisher: Wiley ,

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Language: English **Document Type:** Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Experimental (X)

Abstract: For pt.1 see ibid., vol.17, no.12, p.2409-22 (2003). Lack of accurate data has led some hydrologists and city planners to assume that urban infiltration is zero and **runoff** is 100% of the **rainfall**. These assumptions lead to an over estimation of road **runoff** volume and an underestimation of direct recharge to groundwater, which is already rising under some UK cities. This study investigates infiltration and **runoff** processes and quantifies the percentage of **rainfall** that contributes to storm drainage, and that which infiltrates through different types of road surface. Access tubes were installed for measuring soil water content using a neutron probe in three car parks, a road and a grass site at the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford. Storm drainage was recorded at the exit of the Thamesmead Estate in Crowmarsh Gifford, just before the drain joins the River Thames at Wallingford. **Rainfall** and water table depth were also recorded. Weekly **measurements** of soil moisture content indicated that the top 40 cm layer is not influenced by water-table fluctuations and, therefore, positive changes in soil moisture could be attributed to infiltration of **rainfall** through the surface. Depending on the nature of the surface, subsurface layers, level of traffic, etc., between 6 and 9% of **rainfall** was found to infiltrate through the road surfaces studied. The storm drainage generated by road **runoff** revealed a flow pattern similar to that of the receiving watercourse (River Thames) and increased with the increase of infiltration and soil water content below the road surface. The ratio of **runoff** to **rainfall** was 0.7, 0.9 and 0.5 for annual, winter (October-March) and summer (April-September) respectively. As the results of the infiltration indicated that 6 to 9% of annual **rainfall** infiltrates through the road surface, this means that evaporation represents, 21-24% of annual **rainfall**, with more evaporation taking place during summer than winter. (19 Refs)

Subfile: A

Descriptors: evaporation; groundwater; hydrology; **rain**; roads; storms

Identifiers: experimental water flux study; residential area; road surface infiltration; road surface **runoff**; evaporation; urban infiltration; **rainfall** percentage; groundwater recharge; UK; **runoff** processes; storm drainage; road surface type; access tube; neutron probe; grass site; Centre for Ecology and Hydrology; Crowmarsh Gifford; Wallingford; Thamesmead Estate; River Thames; water table depth; soil moisture content; water-table fluctuation; impervious surface; subsurface layer; flow pattern; watercourse; **rainfall-runoff** ratio; winter season; summer season

Class Codes: A9240E (Precipitation (hydrological)); A9240K (Groundwater); A9330K (Islands); A9260Q (Atmospheric storms); A9240J (Evaporation and transpiration (hydrological)); A9330G (Europe)

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08814937 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2004-03-9240-034

Title: A comparative study in modelling runoff and its components in two mountainous catchments

Author Gurtz, J.; Zappa, M.; Jasper, K.; Lang, H.; Verbunt, M.; Badoux, A.; Vitvar, T.

Author Affiliation: Inst. for Atmos. & Climate Sci., Swiss Fed. Inst. of Technol., Zurich, Switzerland

Journal: Hydrological Processes **Conference Title:** Hydrol. Process. (UK) vol.17, no.2 p. 297-311

Publisher: Wiley ,

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Conference Title: Runoff Generation and Implications for River Basin Modelling

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Language: English **Document Type:** Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: In mountainous catchments the quality of runoff modelling depends strongly on the assessment of the spatial differences in the generation of the various runoff components and of the flow paths as coupled with the amount and intensity of precipitation and/or the snow melting. These catchments are also suitable for the intercomparison of different kinds of hydrological models, particularly of different approaches for the simulation of runoff generation. Two differently structured catchment models were applied on the pre-Alpine Rietholzbach research catchment (3.2 km^2) within the period 1981-98 and on the high-Alpine Dischmabach catchment (43 km^2) within the period 1981-96 for the simulation of hydrological processes and of the runoff hydrographs. The models adopted are the more physically based WaSiM-ETH model, with grid-oriented computation of the water balance elements, and the rather conceptual PREVAH model, based on hydrological response units. The simulation results and the differences resulting from the application of the two models are discussed and compared with the observed catchment discharges, with measurements of evapotranspiration, soil moisture, outflow of a lysimeter, and of groundwater levels in three access tubes. The model intercomparison indicates that the two approaches for determining runoff generation with different degrees of complexity performed with similar statistical efficiency over a period longer than 15 years. The analysis of the simulated runoff components shows that the interflow is the main runoff component and that the portion of the runoff components depends strongly on the approach used. The snowmelt model component is of decisive importance in the snowmelt season and needs to take into account the role of air temperature and radiation for simulating runoff generation in a spatially distributed manner. (26 Refs)

Subfile: A

Descriptors: atmospheric temperature; evaporation; groundwater; hydrology; rivers; snow; soil; transpiration

Identifiers: runoff modelling; runoff component; mountainous catchment model; spatial difference; runoff generation; flow path; precipitation amount; precipitation intensity; hydrological model; pre-Alpine Rietholzbach research catchment; AD 1981 to 1998; high-Alpine Dischmabach catchment; Switzerland; AD 1981 to 1996; runoff hydrograph; physically based WaSiM-ETH model; grid-oriented computation; water balance element; conceptual PREVAH model; hydrological response unit; catchment discharge; evapotranspiration; soil moisture; lysimeter; groundwater level; model intercomparison; statistical efficiency ; interflow; snowmelt model component; snowmelt season; air temperature; radiation

Class Codes: A9240F (Rivers, runoff, and streamflow); A9240L (Soil moisture); A9240R (Land surface snow);

A9240J (Evaporation and transpiration (hydrological)); A9240K (Groundwater); A9240C (General hydrological theory); A9260K (Temperature of the lower atmosphere); A9330G (Europe)

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Hydrological Sampling: A Characterization in Terms of Rainfall and Basin Properties

(Master's thesis)

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The sampling of **rainfall** and **runoff** processes is considered, both in time and in space, and the sampling problem is linked to basin and **rainfall** characteristics. Sampling strategies are defined by the number of **rain** gages, **rainfall** measurement interval and flow **measurement** interval. The effectiveness of different sampling strategies is measured by the variance of the error in estimating either the volume or peak of streamflow. This is related to the **rainfall** and basin **rainfall-runoff** properties through parameterizations of these processes. Several **rainfall** parameterizations are used including stationary and non-stationary event based models. **Runoff** from **rainfall** is parameterized in terms of the fluvial geomorphology of the basin. Linear filtering techniques are used to compute the variance of the estimation error for different sampling strategies. The results are given in the form of quasi-general design aids, which can be used to select appropriate sampling options for network design.

Descriptors: ***Rainfall**; ***Runoff**; ***Basins(Containers)**; ***Hydrology**; ***Sampling**; Streamflow; Flow **measurement**; Mathematical models; Predictions; **Precipitation(Meteorology)**; Estimates; Error analysis

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An Automatic Runoff Sampler

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A **runoff** sampling device is described that will automatically start itself, collect samples, and cease operation after a predetermined time period. The sampler must be reset for the next **runoff** event. The sampler may also be utilized to collect samples resulting from irrigation **runoff**. The major design parameters imposed upon this device were: (1) Activation whenever **runoff** occurred; (2) Samples taken at preselected time intervals; (3) Continuously record quantity of **runoff**; (4) Prevent intermixing of successive samples; and (5) Deactivate all **circuitry** after completion of sampling cycle. Illustrations show the unit with sample **containers** mounted on a turntable and the schematic wiring diagram for the sampler. A small capacity pump and flexible tubing delivers water to the sampler **containers**. The unit may be designed to operate on alternating or direct current. (Author)

Descriptors: *Data acquisition; *Samplers; *Surface water **runoff**(Surveys); Automatic control; Irrigation; Rainfall; Wiring diagrams; Design; Electric switches; Surveys

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Title: Management of roof run off conservation and reuse

Author: Pazwash, Hormoz; Boswell, Stephen T.

Corporate Source: Boswell Engineering, South Hackensack, NJ, USA

Conference Title: Proceedings of the 1997 24th Annual Water Resources Planning and Management Conference

Conference Location: Houston, TX, USA **Conference Date:** 19970406-19970409

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Abstract: The management of urban storm water **runoff** has advanced significantly during the past two decades. Storm water management practices were initially intended to primarily regulate the peak rates of **runoff** from developments. These practices were later modified to also incorporate **measures** to enhance the water quality. The state of art practices now tend to devise the best management practices (BMP's) defined as the best methods to minimize the impacts of urban storm water **runoff** and none point source pollutants. The current practices, however, do not consider the **runoff** as a water resource which can be conserved and reused. Suggested methods of conserving the urban storm water were introduced by one of the authors in 1994. Specific means of collecting and reusing the roof **runoff** are presented herein. Roof **runoff** may be collected in **rain** tanks which may be placed in attic space or installed on or below ground. Since, this **runoff** is fairly pure, it is suitable for use with no treatment in a variety of indoor demands and even more so for the outdoor uses such as lawn and landscape watering, car washing, and deck and driveway cleaning. Offered in the paper are the authors' suggested design criteria for sizing the **rain** tanks and recommended **measures** to handling the **runoff** during cold season. (Author abstract) 5 Refs.

Descriptors: ***Runoff**; Management; Water conservation; Water recycling; Water quality; Tanks (**containers**); Design

Identifiers: Storm water **runoff**; Best management practices; **Rain** tank

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Title: SIMULATION OF SMOOTH-VARIABLE INTENSITY RAINFALL PATTERNS.

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Abstract: A new technique for simulating smooth-variable intensity **rainfall** patterns is presented. This technique is based on the fundamental principles of a moving water head in a **container**. The proposed technique is general and capable of simulating any **rainfall** pattern. However, as the **rainfall** pattern gets more complicated, the equipment required for simulation becomes more involved. The proposed technique has been tested experimentally. A close agreement was found between the theoretical and experimental simulations. It is concluded that the proposed technique might be useful in studying the infiltration and **runoff** processes under variable intensity **rainfall**, especially for simple convex patterns. 11 refs.

Descriptors: *RAIN AND RAINFALL; METEOROLOGY; RUNOFF-- Measurements

Identifiers: RAINFALL SIMULATION

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Automated erosion wheel: A new measuring device for field erosion plots

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Abstract: For erosion experiments in the field where no electric power is available an automated device for **runoff** and soil loss **measurements** was developed. This equipment is designed for continuous **runoff measurement** from plots up to 60m(2). The design is similar to a turning wheel with a horizontal axle. The automated erosion wheel (AEW) consists of four equal sections each one holding five liters (1.)32 gal) resulting in a resolution for each tip of 0.08 min (0.003 in) for 60m(2) plots. The automated erosion wheel is capable of **measuring** a maximum rate of 75L min(-1) (19.81 gal min(-1)). Each tip is monitored automatically in real time by a data acquisition system. Up to three automated erosion wheels can be connected to one data logger. The whole system is powered by one solar panel. Soil-water-suspension is divided by an adapted multi-tube divisor. About 3.4% of the **runoff** is sampled in a plastic barrel for determination of sediment concentration and soil loss. At this stage no temporal distribution of sediment delivery can be recorded by the automated erosion wheel. After each erosive **rain** storm, collectors are emptied and samples are taken to the lab for further analyses. With calibration of the tipping buckets volumes an accurate, time distributed **runoff measurement** is possible. The maximum error in sediment concentration **measurement** is 1.1%. Therefore, the chosen multtube device is able to collect representative **runoff** samples containing same sediment concentration as surface **runoff**. Each automated erosion wheel system is located in a shed. The automated erosion wheel has been used at three locations in Austria since 1997.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: flow sampler ; **runoff** ; soil loss ; tipping bucket

Identifiers-- KeyWord Plus(R): DROP-BOX WEIR

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AN EXAMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ERODIBILITY PARAMETERS AND SOIL STRENGTH

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Abstract: Erosion rate of soil by the impact of raindrops and overland flow of water is often considered to be affected by the shear strength of surface soil. Physically based erosion models indicate a link between defined erodibility parameters and soil strength. The objectives of this paper are to determine erodibility parameters with the process-based erosion model GUEST for a. krasnozem soil of two contrasting strengths, and to examine the influence of soil strength on erodibility parameters.

Soil beds of width 1 m and length 5 . 8 m, with and without compaction, were exposed to simulated, constant rate rainfall. A range of slopes was used. Detachment trays of width 300 mm and downslope length 200 mm containing soils of identical strength were placed at the same slope and exposed to the same rain in order to determine the effects of rainfall-driven processes alone on erosion. Soil strength was measured with a hand vane tester and a pocket penetrometer to determine whether compaction was effective in modifying soil strength. Temporal variation in sediment concentrations (c) for the large soil beds and detachment trays was measured for each slope and soil strength. The settling velocity characteristic of soil, with and without exposure to rain, was determined with the modified bottom withdrawal tube technique.

Values of c decreased with increase in soil strength. The relationship between c and slope was influenced by soil strength in a manner consistent with the theoretical expectation of the role of soil strength in controlling erosion. Rilling during erosion was absent only when the soil was compacted. The average settling velocity of the soil exposed to rain (i.e. its depositability) was significantly lower than for the same soil not subjected to rain, indicating a breakdown of soil aggregates as a result of raindrop impact. Rainfall detachability parameters (estimated with GUEST) were lower when soil strength was high. Runoff-driven erodibility parameters, namely the specific energy of entrainment (J), increased and the approximate erodibility parameter (beta) decreased with increase in soil strength. The variation in these erodibility parameters with soil strength was consistent with the theory implemented in GUEST. Detailed analysis of the relative contribution of rainfall- and runoff-driven processes to c at varying stream powers and soil strengths indicated that, at high soil strength, uncertainty in the values of J and beta is high because of the higher contribution to c of rainfall-driven rather than runoff -driven processes. The adequacy of in situ measurement of soil strength as an indicator of soil erodibility is discussed in relation to the results presented.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: COMPACTION ; DETACHMENT ; EROSION ; EROSION MODELS ; SOIL ERODIBILITY ; SOIL LOSS ; SOIL STRENGTH

Identifiers-- KeyWords Plus: AGGREGATE SETTLING VELOCITIES; MODELING WATER EROSION; RAINFALL DETACHMENT; RAINDROP IMPACT; PHYSICAL PRINCIPLES; SPLASH DETACHMENT; SHEAR-STRENGTH; LOW SLOPES; FLOW; DEPOSITION

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EFFECTS OF LATEX AND POLY-DADMAC ON EROSION, HYDROPHOBICITY AND WATER-RETENTION ON 2 DIFFERENT SOILS

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Abstract: Latex (natural polymer) and poly-DADMAC (synthetic polymer) were applied to a red brown earth (Alfisol) and a Wiesenboden (Mollisol). Run- off, infiltration, sediment loss and water stable aggregates were measured after subjecting the soils to simulated rainfall. Water retention of latex and poly-DADMAC amended soils was determined. The MED test for hydrophobicity was also carried out for the latex-treated soil. Latex decreased run-off and erosion, and increased infiltration on both soils. Poly-DADMAC minimized run-off and erosion, and increased infiltration on the Wiesenboden. It increased run-off and decreased infiltration on the red-brown earth; however, it still decreased erosion. Latex increased the percentage of water-stable aggregates > 2 mm on the red-brown earth, but it had less effect on the Wiesenboden. Poly-DADMAC decreased the percentage of water-stable aggregates < 0.125 mm on both soils after simulated rainfall. Both latex and poly-DADMAC had little effect on water retention of the red-brown earth and the Wiesenboden. Application of 1.5 g kg(-1) of latex increased MED values of both soils, to give values that indicate moderate water-repellence but should not affect plant growth. Generally, latex was more effective on the red-brown earth and poly-DADMAC was more effective on the Wiesenboden. It seems that latex can be effective on all soil types, but poly-DADMAC will have more effect on clay soils.

Descriptors--Author Keywords: POLYMERS ; STRUCTURAL ; STABILITY ; INFILTRATION ; EROSION ; WATER REPELLENCE

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An experimental study of the effect of the flow in fractures on rainfall-runoff mechanism.

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Abstract: A large-scale sprinkling experiment, using a 625cm of slope having **tubes** at middle slope, simulating bedrock fissures, has been conducted to evaluating the role of bedrock fissures on subsurface water movement and **runoff** generation mechanisms. By drilling through the bottom of the **container** we made a 6-mm hole on the slope and connected 10 **tubes** simulating fractures. Each **tube** had a hemp cord in it, so it has considered the "quasi-fractures" that resembles hydraulic property of a real fracture surface. Both **runoff** from the sands and flow in the **tubes** were **measured** manually using a **measuring cylinder**. The data on soil moisture, water-table elevation, and piezometric head were also collected. The **runoff** peaks were found to be much greater than the **tube** flow peaks. However the **tube** flow peaks always coincides with the recession stage of **runoff** when the **runoff** was very small; the volume of **tube** flow was as much as half of the **runoff**. This suggests the possibility that the fracture flow in bedrock has a large effect on **rainfall-runoff** mechanism. (author abst.)

Descriptors: rock mass(ground); **rainfall**; crack; **runoff**; hydrograph; percolating water; slope(face); **runoff** characteristic; model test; ground water recharge

Identifiers: **rainfall run-off**

Broader Descriptors: ground; **precipitation**(meteorology); meteorological element; water; face; characteristic; test

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Runoff analysis in a basin where a forest road was constructed by a complex tank model whose optimum arrangement of tanks and parameters were identified by a genetic algorithm.

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Abstract: Runoff and rainfall were measured in a basin where a forest road was constructed and the runoff was analyzed by a complex tank model. The complex tank model was made up of tanks of a valley, road surface, and roadside drainage area. Assuming that the tanks were units of a network and the pipes of runoff or infiltration were routes between the units, the optimum arrangement of the tanks and the optimum values of the parameters which were the coefficient and height of the pipes were decided by a genetic algorithm(GA). Calculated value of the runoff from rainfall by the complex tank model agreed with the measured value. Applying this model to other rainfalls, the calculated runoff roughly agreed with the measured value too. In the results, the optimum arrangement of the tanks, the optimum values of the parameters, and the coefficients of runoff of roads, of the valley, and of the roadside drainage area, could be obtained. It was clarified that the complex tank model was useful in predicting the runoff of the basin where a forest road was constructed and a GA was an excellent means to identify the arrangement of a tank model. (author abst.)

Descriptors: forest road; mountain watershed; amount of rainfall; runoff analysis; algorithm; tank model; road surface; valley; roadside; storage tank; network; optimum design; route; parameter; measurement data; optimization method; genetic algorithm

Broader Descriptors: road; watershed; amount of precipitation; meteorological element; rainfall characteristic; characteristic; hydrologic characteristic analysis; analysis; runoff model; hydrological model; model; pavement structure; road structure; container; design; data

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Groundwater level fluctuation and runoff mechanism of the constructed step plowed field.(Sponsor : Ministry of Education).

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Abstract: Runoff mechanism is discussed based on the **measurement** of groundwater level fluctuation of the constructed step plow field which consists of cutting and banking. For the **measurement** of groundwater fluctuation, a vinyl chloride **tube** with small holes in which the hydraulic water level indicator is installed is buried in the auger hole. At the upstream section, 25mm of **rainfall** resulted in 40-50cm rise of groundwater level. Other findings are that the maximum value of the **runoff** contribution area almost equals the slope length of the watershed, etc.

Descriptors: ground water level; water level fluctuation; **runoff** rate; slope(face); amount of **rainfall**; cutting(ground); embankment(earth); **runoff** model

Broader Descriptors: water level; fluctuation and variation; flow rate; face; amount of **precipitation**; meteorological element; **rainfall** characteristic; characteristic; earthwork; construction work; construction(work); hydrological model; model

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Evaluation of the runoff control effect of percolation type facilities.

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Descriptors: river management; hydrologic measurement; runoff analysis; runoff model; percolating water; water storage tank; amount of rainfall; runoff rate; urban disaster prevention; flood prevention; storage(water and fuel

Broader Descriptors: management; observation; hydrologic characteristic analysis; analysis; hydrological model; model; water; water tank; storage tank; container; amount of precipitation; meteorological element; rainfall characteristic; characteristic; flow rate; urban problem; problem; disaster prevention; preclusion(protection); storage

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**Rain-shed interrupting flow of water along HV cable -
has tube located on cable with helically coiled projections**

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Abstract (Basic): ZA 8509426 A

The **rain-shed** (10) is formed as an integral moulded **tube** (22) of a chemically or radiation cross-linked polymer with a helical projection (24) on its outer surface. The dia. of the **tube** is greater than that of the section of the cable end (13) over which is it it is intended to fit. Heat is applied to shrink it snugly around the cable end and the heat-shrink layer (20).

Rain water flowing down the cable end is diverted by the projection (24) and the combined effects of the slope of the **run-off** surface of the projection and the centrifugal centrifugal force acting on the water cause the water to **run off** the outer edges of the projection.

ADVANTAGE - As well as water, prevents entry of air-borne salt spray and grime forming conductive path leading to short **circuit**. (Provisional basic advised week 86/40)

Title Terms: **RAIN**; SHED; INTERRUPT; FLOW; WATER; HV; CABLE;

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**Rain-water run-off meter - has pivoted
shutter flow stabilisers and slit vertical sampler pipe**

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Rain water run-off meter, for use on sloping land to measure the flow of run-off water, consists of an intake chute (1), an accumulating container (2), and a divider housing made in the form of a rectangular-section chute (3) with a trash grid (4).

The meter is designed for simplicity and so that it can be set on any part of a slope, and this is done by incorporating flow stabilisers and a sampler. The flow stabilisers are in the form of shutters (6) pivoted on axes (5) at the top of the chute (3), and the sampler is in the form of a vertical pipe (7) with a lengthwise slit, set vertically in between the shutters.

The sampler slit faces the current flow and broadens towards the lower end. As the water flows through the meter, a proportion of it is trapped by the sampler pipe and flows into the accumulating container (2), where it is used to gauge the full amount of the flow. Bul.1/7.1.81

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Title Terms: **RAIN; WATER; RUN; METER; PIVOT; SHUTTER; FLOW;**

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ABSTRACT

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide an effective and convenient **rainwater** treatment device that divides **rainwater** at the beginning of **rainfall** from **rainwater** during **rainfall**, efficiently removes **soil** such as dust, oil, sands, etc. from both **rainwater**, send purified **rainwater** to a **rainwater** reservoir, and also purifies the initial **rainwater** so as to collect as much **rainwater** as possible.

SOLUTION: The system allows mixtures like sands, etc. heavier than water not removed by a primary treatment device equipped at an inflow tube, to settle in an inflow tank, and drains dust, etc. lighter than water to a drain tank through an **overflow tube**. Purified **rainwater** **collected** in a stay tank is sent to an upper water collection and treatment layer at ground surface for settlement and filtration for the purpose of further purification, and then sent to the **rainwater** reservoir via a **permeation tube** and a water **collecting tube**.

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Abstract: Physical properties of the soil cover at Central Facilities Area Landfill II, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, were spatially characterized, and a soil-water balance was computed to estimate water infiltration through the cover. This effort was part of a larger program conducted by EG&G Idaho, Inc., to develop a groundwater monitoring plan required for the site under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The sampling program emphasized soil properties that could be measured with a minimum disturbance of the existing cover. For 60 locations, in-situ density and moisture content were measured with a nuclear gauge, and the vertical thickness of the landfill cover was measured by boring with a small-diameter auger. Disturbed soil specimens were collected at 30-cm depth intervals through the entire cover thickness at 19 of the 60 locations. Gravimetric water contents and particle-size distributions were obtained for these specimens via laboratory analyses. Also, in-situ drainage tests were conducted to estimate field capacity at eight of these locations. Casted-block soil specimens and driven-tube soil specimens were collected for subsequent laboratory tests, which included saturated hydraulic conductivity, capillary pressure-moisture content, and volume-mass determinations. Remolded cores comprised of the fine-fraction (<2 mm) sampled from locations corresponding to the casted-blocks and in-situ drainage tests were analyzed for saturated hydraulic conductivity and capillary pressure vs. moisture content relationships. Analyses of field specimens indicated that the landfill cover could be divided into an upper and lower layer based on physical properties, with gravel content and saturated hydraulic conductivity increasing, and soil-water storage decreasing, from the upper to the lower layer. Analyses also suggested that hydraulic properties of the cover material can be estimated by using properties of the fine fraction and the relationship between the volume fraction of fines and the mass fraction of fines. Historical meteorological data from a 31-year record were used to estimate the water available (precipitation) for infiltration through the soil cover per water year. The water available was combined with spatial estimates of soil cover thickness and the mass fraction of fines, volume-to-mass fraction relationships for the fines, and unit soil water storage per layer, to generate spatial estimates of available storage and annual infiltration through the cover material. Results of these spatial storage calculations suggest that the relatively thin, gravelly soil material comprising the cover of Landfill II, allows water infiltration to landfill wastes approximately 9 out of every 10 years. Relative timing of precipitation and energy available for consumptive use of that precipitation were critical in this water-budget modeling. Infiltration through the landfill cover would be prevented through construction of an additional cap consisting of 0.45 m of a silty loam material locally available. The cap should be contoured to encourage runoff (and prevent ponding) and should be seeded with a crop whose root depth approaches the cover thickness.

Descriptors: characterization; ground water; hydraulic conductivity; Idaho; Idaho National Engineering Laboratory;

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Abstract: The effect of entrapped soil air on the rainfall-runoff relationship was investigated on a soil that had an impervious layer present within the profile. When the air in the soil system was vented by a drain tube placed just above the impervious layer, the infiltration rate increased from 21 to 75 percent depending on soil conditions. As the disturbed Buchanan soil settled, soil pore sizes became more conducive to entrapping soil air. The influence of various degrees of tillage on soil air was evaluated to determine its effect on the rainfall-runoff relationship. Refs.

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A test of TOPMODEL's ability to predict spatially distributed groundwater levels

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Abstract: TOPMODEL was calibrated to a small catchment using precipitation and **runoff** data. Acceptable fits of simulated and observed **runoff** were obtained during both the calibration and validation periods. Predictions of groundwater levels using this calibration did not agree well with observations at the 37 points within the catchment where groundwater levels were measured, including three locations with continuous recordings. Groundwater level observations at one single point in time, however, sufficed to calibrate new topographic-soil indices that improved the prediction of the local groundwater levels at the observed **tubes**. This suggests that spatially distributed calibration data are necessary to exploit reliably TOPMODEL's ability to predict spatially distributed hydrology. The mean or recalibrated transmissivity values at these 37 points differed from the catchment mean as determined by the precipitation- **runoff** calibration. Thus, while groundwater information can help in predicting groundwater levels at specific locations, increasing the number of local groundwater level measurements is not sufficient to improve the spatially distributed representation of subsurface flow by TOPMODEL for the catchment as a whole, as long as the groundwater information is not integrated in the precipitation-**runoff** calibration. (C) 1997 by John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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TERRAIN-BASED CATCHMENT PARTITIONING AND RUNOFF PREDICTION USING VECTOR ELEVATION DATA

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Abstract: An automated method of partitioning catchments into interconnected elements using a "stream tube" approach and vector or contour-based digital elevation models is briefly described. With this form of partitioning, hydrologic models can be structured based on the hydraulics of flow within a catchment and the effects of topography on runoff producing mechanisms and spatially distributed flow characteristics (such as flow depth and velocity) can be directly, and realistically, accounted for in the models. The method allows complex three-dimensional flow problems to be reduced to a series of coupled one-dimensional problems in areas with complex terrain. Two simple process-oriented hydrologic models that demonstrate the utility of this form of partitioning are presented. The first models subsurface flow-saturation overland flow and the second models Hortonian overland flow. Observed and predicted runoff hydrographs and the dynamic expansion and contraction of runoff source areas on a small laboratory microcatchment are presented. Also shown are predicted runoff hydrographs and surface flow velocities on a small rangeland catchment in the United States.

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Abstract: In mountainous catchments the quality of runoff modelling depends strongly on the assessment of the spatial differences in the generation of the various runoff components and of the flow paths as coupled with the amount and intensity of precipitation and/or the snow melting. These catchments are also suitable for the intercomparison of different kinds of hydrological models, particularly of different approaches for the simulation of runoff generation. Two differently structured catchment models were applied on the pre-alpine Rietholzbach research catchment (3.2 km²) within the period 1981-98 and on the high-alpine Dischmabach catchment (43 km²) within the period 1981-96 for the simulation of hydrological processes and of the runoff hydrographs. The models adopted are the more physically based WaSiM-ETH model, with grid-oriented computation of the water balance elements, and the rather conceptual PREVAH model, based on hydrological response units. The simulation results and the differences resulting from the application of the two models are discussed and compared with the observed catchment discharges, with measurements of evapotranspiration, soil moisture, outflow of a lysimeter, and of groundwater levels in three access tubes. The model intercomparison indicates that the two approaches for determining runoff generation with different degrees of complexity performed with similar statistical efficiency over a period longer than 15 years. The analysis of the simulated runoff components shows that the interflow is the main runoff component and that the portion of the runoff components depends strongly on the approach used. The snowmelt model component is of decisive importance in the snowmelt season and needs to take into account the role of air temperature and radiation for simulating runoff generation in a spatially distributed manner. Abstract Copyright (2003), Wiley Periodicals, Inc.

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Artificial rain of known drop sizes, drop distribution and kinetic energy can be produced with the help of a rainfall simulator. Rainfall stimulators can be used with advantage for studying **runoff**, soil loss and **infiltration** under controlled conditions. A **tubing tip** type rainfall simulator has been designed and described in this paper. The apparatus has an advantage of being simple and portable in working. It can be used under field conditions on a limited scale. With this system average drop size of 3.8 mm diameter is obtained with a maximum falling velocity of 6.4 meters/second. - Authors

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